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### BOOK THE SEVENTEENTH.

CICINUS, long by unpropitious winds D Lock'd in Gerzestus, to their fickle breath. Half-adverse still, impatient spread the fail. Six revolutions of the fun he spent To gain Phaleron. To his lord's abode He fwiftly pass'd, when chance his wond'ring eyes On Ariffides fix'd. An open space Reveal'd the hero, iffuing fage commands, work daid W Th' omnipotent artificer of worlds From chaos feem'd with delegated pow'r To have entrusted that selected man. From afhes, lo ! a city new afcends One winter's indefatigable toil a west and as estupoide 10 Of citizens, whole spirit unsubdu'd Subdues calamity. Each vilage wears Vol. II. A chearful

A chearful hue, yet falemn. Through the fireers
Successive numbers from adjacent fields
Drive odorif'rous loads of plants and flow'rs,
Which please the manes. Amaranth and rose,
Which please the manes. Find whate'er the fun. 20
Frem partieve mythic, and whatever
Now not remore from Aries in his course,
Call'd from the quick and vegetating womb
Of nature green or florid, from their feats
Of growth are borne for pions hands to weave
In fun'ral chaplets. From the Grecian states, 25
To honour Athens, their deputed chiefs,
Cleander foremost, throng the public place;
Whence Aristides with advancing speed
Salutes Sicinus : Welcome is thy face, at 20101
Good man, thou know's from Athens long el-
trang'd, trang'd, 1975 and 1975 and 1975 and 39
Now doubly welcome, In thy looks I read
Important news, Retiring from the crowd
Important news, Retrieve the last the fall Signing trans
Swift in discourse, but full, Sicinus ran
Through all the feries of his lord's exploits
Which drew this question: Has the parron aught 34
To ask of Aristides ? Silent bow'd
Sicinus. Smiling then, the chief purfu'd : 1
To have considered that following the design of the
Do thou attend the ceremonial pompi of podis mor
Of observies to-morrow ; when the flain,

Of obsequies to-morrow; when the sain.

At Salamis receive their just reward

From us, survivors by their glorious fall.

I have detain'd thee from Timothea long,.
The first entitled to thy grateful news.

Now to that matron, whom beyond himfelf He priz'd, Sicinus haftens . At her loon ... 451. He finds her placid o'ers web, whole glow Of colours rivall'd Iris, where incon-She wove th' atchievements of her lord. Her skill. Had just portray'd Sandauce in the arms. Of Artamenes, when her children's doom Congeal'd her breath Themistocles in look Expresses all that subtlety humane, Which cozen'd superficient of her prey His godlike figure dignifies the work. Two boys, two levely little maids, furround Th' illustrious artist, while their eyes pursue Their mother's flying fingers in delight Attentive. But their tutor once in view, From absence long regretted, light with joy. To him they bound. Sicious melts in tears 160 Of fost affection They around him lift Their gratulating voices, on his neck, ... Cling, and contend for kiffes from those lips. Approved in kindness; as a flutt'ring brood With chirping fondness, nature's sweetest note, Inclose their feather'd parent, who attunes Her tender pipe, and spreads endearing plumes.

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Sicinus, cries Timothea, thou doft bring
Auspicious tidings. From my hero I
Expect no less. Unaided by the state, 70
A private man, like Hercules he went, " and of well
In his own pow'rs confiding, and fecure.
Sie down thou witness of my hulband's worth,
Thyfelf a proof of his difcerning choice
In thee, good man, by me and mine rever'd, 75 Discreet and faithful. No, Sicinus spake, They are that twood most faithful, most discreet,
Discreet and faithful. No, Sicinus spake,
Most excellent of women. Come, she faid,
Comprete my profiles: let the near of hone;
But his; and copious let thy ftory flow.

Glad through his whole heroic theme the fage,

By time to Attic eloquence inur'd,

Expatiates large; where loftiness of plan

Sustain'd by counsel, with exhaustless art

Pursu'd, now brought to valour's final proof,

Must end in sure success. His lord's commands

Observing strict, Acanthe's precious worth,

In talents, form and manners, he describes;

How she the aid of Chalcis had procur'd,

Her savour how Themistocles had won.

If he pursue to victory his plan,
Timothea faid, and borrow from her hand
The means of glory, and the gen'ral good,

Tell

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Tell him, that I can imitate with joy

Andromache, who foster'd on her breath

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Her Hector's offspring by a stol'n embrace.

Not fuch thy lot, fole miftress of a form
Match'd by perfection of the mind alone,
Sicinus cheerful answer'd. I attest
To this my firm belief th' all ruling fire,
Let Horomazes be his name, or Jave.

Underunted chief of Temples. Mescapies: Thou giv'st me transport-Thou hast leave to smile, My good Sicinus, the replies But heaving I have I too attest, that transport I conceive to a cod soling all'a Less for my own, than fair Acanthe's fake, sein a 105 So amibly endowed to clear in fame, her was a series Her purity religning, the alas led , wanter of same A Had prov'd the only fuff'rer. Woman fall'n, The more illustrious once, the more diffrac'd, p Ne'er can resume her lustre, Laurels hide amail 110 A hero's wanton lapfe. The Greeks would blefs The guile which serves them, but to endless shame The gen'rous auth refs of that fervice doom, will a still Thou faid'ft, my husband from Cleander's sword Solicits help; Cleander is my guething sint, noch v 115 With Ariphilia ; ready in this port morth winds blue ill W. His fquadron lies; he plough'd the feas in quest med I's Of earliest action for the common cause og mirture and Come, they are waiting for the night's repair. In the All

She role; Sicinus followid, and renewid In Ariphilia's and Cleander's ear hand in the land The wondrous naturative, but cautious veils

Acanthe's love. Timothea's looks approv'd. He then concluded: Thus, to battle rous'd, The force of half Ruben card in feel Against the tyrant Demonax I left But in the chace of that devouring wolf On thee relies Themistoeles for help, Undaunted chief of Troxen, He replies : Land geford einen fem te-Thee half bergern lande,

Should I withhold it, by the immoreal gods, 130 The titles both of foldier and of friend the design and Were mine no longer : Ariphilia theory of the land Sweet as a vernal flower in early printe, A Grace in manner, Hebe in her form: all ho o't the only full reason Wisman Salling

Say, gentle fage, of Delphi's revivend prieft, 135 Of Haliartus, and Otleus' fon, Kind guests of mine, no tidings dott thou bear? I be guile viage file auf aut to entreienfie de fel

He answers : Them in Atalante's ille The turbulent Euripus yet confines;
They foon, fair marron, to thy lord and mine 140 Will add their strength and level from its bate A ilil The typing hold: Amid this convenie fweet The warrior-post all dhylus appears, Fair 943

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Oilean Medon, and Apollo's priest	fire att
Long loft, whom I, unknowing of their fate, Have classed in transport, as Laertes' fon, When he review'd his metamorphor'd friends In Circe's illand to their pristine forms Uprising by her charms. Timothea glad	trended quiet request threat
Salutes the ent'ring heroes, Medon known Before, Leonteus, Delphi's holy feer With Artemilia's brother, strangers all, But of deportment to command regard.	Beyond Li heli
Then spake the Locrian: Pirit of matrons, he On Salaminian lands we parted last.  I have been long in Atalante's file Sequester'd; but, determin'd to attend The fun'ral honours which the morning pays. To brave Athenians sain, an hour ference	not 166 nor of any edit
To-cross the strait Euripus I embrac'd For Chalcis. There thy consort fresh I found In gather'd palms from Demonax o'eithrown That day in battle. Hear the glorious tale, Which from Themsstockes himself I learn'd.	no mall- nice of spin of Avail I
He, well-informed, the chiefs in either hoft Distinctly told, their history, their names, Their birth and deeds, on Hyacinchus most,	~~, 16)

As most esteem'd enlarg'd. That hapless youth
Was husband to Cleora; daughter she
Of Demonax was poison'd by her sire.
Survey this tablet, which before my sight
175
Thy hero took, with readiness of skill
Delineating the sight. Shew this, he said,
To my Timothea, friendly thou explain.
This part is Chalcis, this a champaign wide;
Here slows the sea, there winds a quarry dark.

Conceive a river by impetuous floods O'erswol'n and spread irregular, and wild, Beyond its bounds; tumultuous thus the foes At first appear'd. Expecting to furprife, Themselves surpris'd at unexpected bands, 185 Through open'd portals issuing to the plain, Are forc'd, dishearten'd by a toilsome march, To range their numbers for immediate fight, The wary fon of Neocles Suspends. Th' attack, till burfling drifts of fouthern clouds 190 Beat on the faces of his harrafs'd foes A fform of blinding fleet; then rushes down In three deep columns. Of th' Orean line The right, which Mindarus conducting wheels Along the fea's flat margin, fore is gall'd By unremitted show'rs from bows and slings and slings On well-rang'd vessels: Lamachus commands The left. Nearchus from the quarry pours

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An ambush'd force, and breaks the hostile flank.
Compact of ver'rans, cull'd from ev'ry flate, 17 200
That wedge of war, whose briftly front display'd
Athenian spears and Spartan mingling beams,
(Themistocles the leader) flow but fure
Bears down the center. At a fecond breach
The line gives way to Cleon, at a third 205
To fwift Carystians. Not a life is spar'd
By wrong'd, incens'd Eretrians, not a life
By Hyacinthus, boiling with revenge
For his Cleora; while her cruel fire
Exerts a desprate valour to revive
Hope in an army fpiritlefs by roil,
By fudden onfer broken, at the name
And fight of thy Themistocles abash'd.
The rout is gen'ral; In the bloody chace
Five thousand flain the conquerors despoil. 215
Thy husband, prudent in success, preserves
Two thousand heads, all Persian, to redeem
Eretrian captives from the tyrant's bonds.
He, thus defeated, not fubdu'd, retir'd
To Oreus. Pow'rful remnants of his hoft 220
He draws within her circuit; furnish'd well
From boundless treasure, threatens there to hold
A firm defence, till, fummon'd by the fpring,
Mardonius quit Theffalia, and employ
The whole confederated pow'r of Greece. 225

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Hada telephining Walter has a

That threat Themistocles will render vain,
Exults Timotheas he unfinish'd leaves
No toll begun. Again the Locrian chief:

Now my first duty is discharg'd; the next
To Ariphilia from her guest is due.

230
O soft in virtue, elegantly fair,
Cleander's favour'd paranymph retains
Thy hospitable kindness ever dear;
Thine too, my gallant host, by Neptune bless'd
In his own priestess, and with brightest same
235
On his own sloods adorn'd. The pleasing hours
All spend in mutual granulation sweet,
Till for the morn's solemnicy they part.

Below th' Ægalean mountain, where the king
Of humbled Asia on his golden throne
Was seated late, speciator of his shame
At Salamis, a level space extends
To Neptune's horder. Green Psittalia there
Full opposite exhibits, high and large,
A new erected trophy. Twenty masts.
A new erected trophy. Twenty masts.
In circular position. Round their base
Are massive anchors, rudders, yards, and oars,
Irregularly pil'd, with breaks of brass,
And naval sculpture from Barbarian sterns,
Stupendous by consusion. Crested helms
Above,

Above, bright mail, habergeons scal'd in gold, roal add And figur'd flields along the fpiry wood Up to th' aerial heads in order wind, Tremendous emblems of gigantic Mars. 255 Spears, briftling through the intervals, uprear Their points obliquely; gilded flaves project Embroider'd colours; darts and arrows hang In glittering clusters! On the topmost height Th' imperial standard broad, from Asia work 260 Blaz'd in the fun, and floated in the wind, Of fmooth Pentelic marble on the beach, Where flow'd the brine of Salamis, a tomb Insculptur'd rose. Achievements of that day When Asia's navy fell, in swelling forms 265 Fill'd on three fides the monument. The fourth, Unfinish'd, open'd to the interior grave. It is the total continue I letters, and the believe known

Now, through Minerva's populace, who kept
Religious filence, first white-vested maids,
Who from the strand of Salamis had seen
270
The patriots slain, their sepulchre approach
With wreaths and garlands; then of chosen youths
A troop, whose valour had the sight surviv'd.
The younger matrons, husbands ripe in age,
Nor less in same, succeed. Of either sex
The elders follow. Kindred of the dead
Come next, their wives, their children. Urns, which hold

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The facred afhes, are in open cars Discover'd. One close chariot is referv'd For them, whose bodies fate from fearch conceal'd. Last Aristides, in his civil robe. Attracts the gazing multitude; his wheels, Myronides, Xanthippus, Cimon great, 100 and 1 Aminias, Æschylus, and ev'ry chief For prowels known attend. Around the tomb 28c Are plac'd the children; roses in the bud Entwine their brows; their little grafp upholds Green sprigs of myrtle; well instructed, all Refrain from weeping o'er paternal dust. A high tribunal Aristides mounts: Near him, on ev'ry fide, are feats affign'd To strangers held in honour. Medon there, Leonteus, Timon, and the brother known Of Caria's queen, Cleander, numbers more 295 From flates ennobled in their names are feen. The godlike man uprifes; on the tomb His eyes he fixes first; their lustre mild He then diffuses o'er th' affembly vast, Where not a tongue is heard, nor gesture seen. 300 So through upclouded fkies the argent lamp Of Dian visits with her light benign A furface broad of water, where no breeze Excites a fwell, nor fighs among the reeds.

Your

Give

Your fathers, wife and lib'ral, he began, 305 Appointed public obsequies to all Who die in battle for the public good, Ye men of Athens. Not a groan, or tear Must violate their ashes. These have gain'd Books !! What all should envy; these, by virtuous death, 310 The height of human excellence have reach'd, Have found the furest path to endless joy il With demigods and heroes in those fields, Which tyrants ne'er can enter to molest To realms of horror, and from righteous Jove Endure the pains they merit from mankind. There, if retaining, as they furely must, The memory of things belov'd on earth, It will enhance their happiness to know at the 1 320 Their offspring cherish'd, and their wives rever'd By grateful Athens, whom their glorious fall Exalts, whose daughters they preserv'd from shame, Whose fons from bonds. This blis benignant love. Who loves the patriot, never can withhold 325. From them, who little would deferve that name, Unless those sweetest charities they feel, Paternal cares, and conjugal efteem, The props of public and domestic weal. Them to defend, Athenians, to maintain 330 Inviolate your alars, tombs and laws, Let contemplation of the present rites

Give principle new firength: Behold a foeglish mov
Who hath profan'd your ancestors in doft; the bearing
Lo! on a crofs Leonidas affix'd; in stand of the stand of the
His patriot bones exposed to bleaching winds
By that Barbarian, Kerxes TKings blories and on the
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Of human hacure, can devile and account to segisd of
Barbarities like thefe. But füch a foet ad brief 346
Leagues Heav'n against him. Nemelis will join bail.
With Grecian Mars, and all her fories plant
His foot on Afia's boundaries, to fhake
An impious tyrant on his native throne: de le man and
Then of the patriot dead, whose swords prepar'd 345
Your way to glory, and achiev'd their own, I
This recent tomb, when drefs'd in eaftern fpoils,
Will best delight their mailes, and proclaim in ill
To Gods and men your gratitude and arms.

He paus'd. Ægaleos echo'd to the found 350
Of acclamation; Salainis reply'd.
But as the fun, when cafual clouds before
His intercepted light have pass'd away,
Renews his splendour, so the righteous man
In eloquence and counsel thus again 355
Breaks forth: Xanthippus, in the gales of spring,
To brave the coast Barbaric you decree;
While, on Bœotia's plains, your phalanx meets
Mardonian ranks. Now hear of wondrous acts

To

A fearless warrior, brother to the bard, Like him fincere, less polish'd, learn'd and wife, By right intention more than conduct fway'd:

Who can for all deliberate fo well, As Aristides singly? Let us fight,	390
But with fole pow'r of counfel and command,	
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Throughout this war's duration, by a law	
Invest him uncontrollable. Up starts	
The interrupting patriot, nor permits	395
The people's confidence in him to grow	
In wild excess: Ne'er yet th' almighty fire	Maria
Created man of purity to hold	Oni a A
A trust like this. Athenians, mark my words;	125 (1)
I am your legal military chief;	400
If your immediate fafety should require	1
An use of pow'r, unwarranted by laws,	
I will exert it, not accept as law;	
The censure or acquittal of my act	
With you shall rest. At present I advise,	405
That from Phaleron Æschylus transport	evit /
Two thousand skilful vet'rans. Him the feed	Man 1
Of Neocles approves; not less in arms	osi. I
Than arts excelling, him your warriors prize.	
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You cannot want. Thick verdure must invest	1
The meadows, earth her foodful flores mature,	0.5
Before Mardonius can his numbers lead	
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From Thessaly remote. Ere then, my friends,
Themistocles will conquer and erect
Cecropia's standard on Orean walls;
Your timely aid he timely will restore
To fill the army of united Greece.

The gen'ral voice affents, and all retire, While to her home Timothea brings her guests. To her Sicinus prudent: Not an hour, Till I rejoin thy confort, should be lost. She then: Most faithful, from my arm receive This bracelet rich in gems, Barbaric spoil; Bear this to Chalcis, to Acanthe give ; 425 Say, how I prize her elevated mind, Enabling my Themistocles to quell The hateful breed of tyrants. Further fay, The man engaging her connubial hand I should esteem the favourite of gods. Stay; Haliartus shall the present bear. Thou to my lord a messenger of love Shalt go, Sicinus; words to thee I leave; My heart thou know'st. One fervent wish impart, That he in private, as in public ties, 435 With Aristides may at last unite.

So spake the first of women. Tecezen's chief Subjoin'd: Sicinus, wait till morn; embark With these our friends of Atalante's isle

Aboard

Aboard my fquadron; soon will southern gales
My succour wast, and jointly we proclaim
Brave Æschylus to follow. Let us greet
Him, who our valour into action calls
For ev'ry chief to envy; him to class
My bosom pants, a hero, who surmounts
The sloth of winter while so many brave
Hang up their weapons. Ariphilia heard,
Sat mute and sad. To her Timothea thus:

We, who are wives of foldiers, will remain to the Together, cheerful watch for tidings dear 1990 45%.

Of their achievements, and rejoice at home.

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## ATHENAID.

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THREE days transport Cleander and his friends;
Timoxenus admits fuch welcome guests,
Who bring new succours. From Chalcidic walls
Th' Athenian chief was absent. With a pace
Unstable yet, a calm, but languid mien,
To grace her father's board Acanthe leaves
Her chamber; pale, but fragrant as the rose,
Which bears the hue of lilies, she descends.
Her soon the Carian, mindful of his charge,
Thus with Timothea's salutation greets;

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A costly bracelet, from her beauteous arm
Th' espous'd of great Themistocles unclasse'd
On my departure, and in words like these,
Of gracious tone, deliver'd to my care:
"Bear this to Chalcis, to Acanthè give;
"Say how I prize her elevated mind,
"Enabling my Themistocles to quell
"The hateful breed of tyrants. Further say,
"The man engaging her connubial hand."
I should esteem the savourite of gods."

Timoxenus is pleas'd; Acanthe's cheeks

A burning blush of perturbation feel.

Not soon recov'ring from a start of thought

At the first mention of Timothea's name,

She took, she kis'd the present, and disguis'd

25

Her conscious trouble under busy care.

To fix the bracelet in its lovely feat:

The guests are plac'd around; her presence charms
The banquet. Though the lustre of her eyes
Grief had eclips'd and sickness, though her mouth
Had lost the ruby tinct and pleasing flow,
By melancholy silence long confined,
Her gestures speak the graces of her soul.

Træzene's captain, lively as the lark Whose trill preludes to nature's various voice,

35 Begins Begins discourse: Perhaps, accomplished fair, Thou dost not know the messenger who brought Timothea's present, Haliarens Styl'd; wie to the to smill He is deriv'd from Lygdamis, a name, and and animal Ionia boafts. His daughter, Caria's queen, Fam'd Artemifia, heroine of Mars, and some I to spract Calls Haliartus brother ; but from Greece Could never alienate his truth. His fword From violation in his first essay the of the sale of t Against Barbarian multitudes, preferv'd Bright Amarantha, confort to the king I stand land Of Macedon, more noble in her fire, wall no trained Who fits befide thee, Timon, Delphi's prieft. Then Meden: How unwilling do I cheek and I had to Our focial converse: Generous hoft, no tongue 50 Can duly praise thy hospitable roof; Yet we must leave its pleasures; Time forbids Our longer stay. Two thousand Locrian spears, Three hundred Delphians Atalante holds; Them Æschylus arriving will expect To find in Chalcis. "Gladly shalf I hail, Timoxenus rejoins, your quick return, To guard these walls. Themistocles is march'd To conquer Ægæ, rather to redeem Her state aggriev'd, which courts his guardian hand.

Sicinus here: Illustrious men, farewell; 6

Of your arrivals Inflant be began,
All night purfu'd his courfe, and faw the morn
Shine on that city yielded to his lord,
To him Sicinus counts the powitful aidson bling had
Expected, large of Artifices (peaks, 1) HI while the
Large of Timothea; in a raptirous flyle
Dwells on her wife for amity to bind I well !!
The two Cegropian heroes Glad replies 70
Themistocles: On every new evental ni section and
She rifes loveliet, more endearid hen worth
Shall meliorate her husband. 11 Lobey,
Content on this wide universe to fee a jean , achoust 4 10
Myfelf the fecond, Ariffides first; 25
For ftill he towr's above mei Didft thou; fay,
Cleander, Medon, were already come,
That Æschylus was coming All their force
I want, Sicious elisten to my tale.

Last night an ancient personage, unknown,
In length of beard most awful, not unlike
Tisander, ask'd an audience, and obtain'd
My private ear. Themistocles, he said,
If I deliver ridings, which import
Thy present safety, and thy suture weal,
I shall exact thy promise in the name
Of all the gods and goddesses to wave
Enquiry, whence I come, or who I am.
First know, that Mindanus, the Persian chief

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And reinforce	ment from	Mardonius b	rought.	in the same
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Who unoppos'd the strong defile secur'd;
There shall my banner, strengthen'd by the youth
Of Ægæ, soon be planted; there shall wait,
Till each auxiliar, thou hast nam'd, arrive,
Then pour on Demonax the storm of war.
Let Træzen's squadron and th' Athenian ride
Before his port, Cleander have the charge.
Speed back to Chalcis; publish these resolves.

They part. Not long Themistocles delay'd To gain the mountains; nor three days were pass'd When brave Nearchus, Haliartus bold, Th' illustrious brothers of Oilean race. Great Æschylus and Timon, with their bands Arriv'd, and join'd him at the strong defile Which now contain'd his whole collected force. 130 Thence he descended on a morning fair, First of that month, which frequent sees the fun Through vernal show'rs, distill'd from tepid clouds, Diffuse prolific beams o'er moisten'd earth To dress her lap, exuberant and fresh, 135 With flow'rs and verdure. Terrible the bands Succeeding bands expatiate o'er the fields. So when an earthquake rives a mountain's fide, Where stagnant water, gather'd and confin'd Within a deep vacuity of rock, 140 For centuries hath flept, releas'd, the floods In roaring cataracts imperuous fall, They

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They roll before them shepherds and their flocks,
Herds and their keepers; cottage, fold and stall,
Promiscuous ruins floating on the stream,
Are borne to plains remote. Now Oreus lists
Her stately tow'rs in sight. Three Myriads arm'd
Before the walls hath Demonax arrang'd
In proud defiance. So, at sirst o'erthrown,
Antæus huge, uprising in his might

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Fresh and redoubled by his parent earth,
Return'd to combat with Alcmena's seed.

Wide stretch'd th' Orean van; the wary fon Of Neocles to equal that extent Spread his inferior number. By a front Not depth of line the tyrant he deceiv'd But of Athenian, veterans he form'd A fquare battalion, which the martial bard Rang'd on the fea-beat verge; the other wing Is Medon's charge, where thirty shields in file Compose the Locrian column. Ere the word Is giv'n for onfet, thus his wonted guard Themistocles addresses: If a troop In fable cuirafs, and with fhields imprefs'd By death's grim figure, at my head should aim. Let them affail me; be it then your care, Postponing other duty, to furround, To feize and bear them captives from the fight.

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He march'd; himself the cent'ral phalanx led;	
The floating crimfon of his plumage known,	170
Minerva's bird his creft, whose terrors shook	2000
The bloody field of Chalcis, foon proclaim	and to
Themistocles. Now targets clash with shields;	Maria II
Parkarian Charanish Commiss Cond.	
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Bellona mingles. Medon first o'enthrew	
Theffalia's line, his temp'rate mind was flung	Some A
' By indignation; 'Timon bath'd his lance	
In their perfidious blood; Leonteus gor'd	
Their distipated ranks. A chosen troop	80
To their affiftance Lamachus advanc'd;	
Him Haliartus met; his finewy arm,	( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
Which could have quell'd Lycaon, first of wolves,	an h
The Erymanthian, or Ætolian boar,	
Smote to the ground the miscreant's bulk deform'd,	
Whose band, recoiling, leave the victor space	186
To drag him captive. Rout and carnage sweep	
That shatter'd wing before th' Oilean swords;	
Not with less vigour Æschylus o'erturn'd.	in a
The other. Mindarus in vain oppos'd	190
Undaunted efforts. Pallas seem'd to fire	
Her own Athenians, Neprune, in the shape	
Of Æschylus, seem'd landed from his coneb	
To war, as once on Troy's Signan firand;	
Or to have arm'd the warrior-poet's grafp	195
With that strong weapon, which can rock the earth	
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Not in the center fuddenly prevailed
Themistocles; the seven Gerastians, leagued
By hell, combining their assaum points
Against the hero, for a while delayed
His progress; simply their united blows
His shield received. So Hercules endured
The sevenfold stroke of Hydra; but the zeal
Of Iolaus to assist that god
In his tremendous labour, was surpassed
By each Athenian, each Laconian guard,
Who never less Themistocles. They watched
The savering moment; with a hundred spears
They hedged the traitors round, forbade escape,
Clasped and conveyed them siving from the field.

Ariobarzanes, moving rock of war
In weight and statute. Of Eubceans, forc'd
By favage pow'r to battle, numbers low'r
Surrend'ring banners, some to Cleon, some 215
To humble Styra's well-conducted sword,
And thine, sad youth, a while by glory taught
To strive with anguish, and suspend despair,
Cleora's huland. Mindarus appears,
Who warns the tyrant timely to retreat, 220
Ere quite enveloped by the wheeling siles
Of Æschylus and Medon Los in front,
More dang'rous still, amid selected ranks,
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Themistocles.

Themistocles. The monster gnash'd his teeth:
His impious voice, with executions hoarse,
Assail'd the heav hly thrones; his buckler firm
He grasp'd, receding to th' Orean wall;
Where, under vaulted sheets of missive arms
Whirl'd on his fierce pursuers, through the gates
He rush'd to shelter. Thus a mighty boar,
Of Calydonian strength, long held at bay,
The hunter's point evading, and the sangs
Of staunchest hounds, with undiminish'd ire
Red in his eyes, and soaming from his jaws,
Impetuous plunges in accustom'd woods.

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Th' Athenian chief, who sees th' incessant storms
Of darts and arrows from the rampart's height,
Retreats; but swift his numbers, now enlarg'd
By yielding thousands of Eubæan race,
Distributes round th' invested town to guard
Each avenue and station. From the sea
'Cleander threatens. In his evening tent
The gen'ral views the captives; frowns condemn
The sev'n Geræstians to their former chains.
The hero smiles on Lamachus, the prize

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Of Haliartus, and familiar thus:

Again, my Tyrian trafficker in flaves,

I greet thee: Son of Lygdamis, what praise

To thy diftingulsh'd efforts is not due?

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This precious head to my disposal yield. He then proceeds to Lamachus apart:

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Now take thy freedom, villain; to my use See thou employ it, else expect to die. Your land, remember, and your sea are mine; Soon on the head of Demonax this arm Shall dash you bulwarks; what I speak is fate. Thou hast thy option, go. Sicinus, hear; This man is free; conduct him through the camp.

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Now from his friends fequester'd, on a couch, Which never care disturbs, he slept till dawn, When, rous'd by heralds from the town, again The leaders he conven'd. Before them came Arbactus, sierce Barbarian, who began:

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Themistocles of Athens, in the name
Of Mindarus the Persian, I defy
Thy arm to combat in the listed field;
The same defiance to thy boldest chiefs
Ariobarzanes sends. If you prevail,
The royal host shall quit Eubæa's isle,
Which shall submit to Xerxes if you fall.

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Up Hyacinthus, Haliartus, start Indignant. First the young Carystian spake:

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Are they fo gross in ignorance to hope,
Themistocles will stoop to single sight
With-twice o'erthrown Barbarians, who, unsafe 275
Behind a rampart, tremble at his pow'r 2
But if the Persian Mindarus would try
A Grecian's single valour, O permit,
Themistocles, thy soldier to affere
The Grecian same. The friend of Medon next:

The same permission I implore, O chief, 284
Invincible thyself; that all this host
May withes my fidelity to Greece.

Themistocles subjoins: Barbarian, go,
Provide thy champions: ours thou feels prepared
For honour, not decision of the doorn
Reserv'd for Demonax; whose sinal lot
Lies in my breast alone. The herald back
To Oreus speeds. The prudent chief pursues:

My Hyacinthus, all thy wrongs I feel:

But, if refentment can afford the grace

I ask thee, lend to policy thy arm:

Take Mindarus thy captive. From thy proofs

Of might and firmness, Haliartus brave.

My wish is lifted high in hope to see

Ariobarzanes gasping at thy seet.

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He rifes. Straight embattled on the plain, His army flews a formidable gleam To Demanax. Still num'rous for defence Barbarian warriors, and Theffalian, throng 300 The battlements of Oreus. Through the gates, In folemn pace and flow, a herald train Precede their champions. Heralds from the camp Produce th' illustrious Haliartus clad In richeft arms, the gift of Caria's queen ; A twig of flend'reft laurel, twifted round A shepherd's crook, in portraiture adorn'd His modest buckler. Grim his foe advanc'd In mail blood-colour'd, with a targe of gold, Ariobarzanes. Hyacinthus next Appears in tried habiliments of war, Which on his dearest patron Mars had seen In Marathonian fields. A plumage black, Denoting grief, he carries; on his shield A female image, and the form of Death, Who blafts her graces. Mindarus approach'd In armour studded bright with orient gems; His buckler too a shape of beauty pale,

Since my encounter, whether through disdain Or policy I know not, is refus'd

Stretch'd on a fun'ral pyre, exhibits fad;

Of pearl her limbs, of rubles were the flames. Ere they engage, the Persian warrior thus: By your commander, not through fear I know,
Do thou in courtefy disclose thy name,
Thy rank in Grecian armies. May'st thou prove
In lustre such as Mindarus would chuse
To be th' opponent of a satrap's arm.

Then tremble, fatrap, at my name, the name
Of Hyacinthus, fierce the youth returns:
330
Cleora's husband, whom thy barb'rous love
Hath wrong'd, whom hell-born Demonax hath damn'd
To ever-during torment, shakes this lance,
By vengeance pointed and invet'rate hate.

Young man, rejoins the Persian, on thy grief I drop a pitying tear, while thou doft wrong 336 Me clear of wrong to thee. No barb'rous love Was mine; unconscious of your nuptial tie, Till the confessel it to her favage fire, My flame was holy; not a thought impure 340 To violate a right could taint my breaft. But that I lov'd her, Hyacinthus, fure He, who her dear perfections knew fo well, Must wave his wonder; that her fate o'erwhelms My spirit, never to revive, I feel; That my disastrous passion caus'd her doom, Blame both our fortunes, not my guiltless heart. If yet thy anguish can's moment look Compassionate on me-but I forgive Unjust Unjust reproaches from a grief like mine,

Which should, which must exceed my own, my own

Exceeding after thine all other woe.

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Now Hyacinthus melted, but observ'd. That during this fad interview the fpear Of Haliartus at his feet had laid Ariobarzanes dead. Heart-stung by shame At his inaction, with fo many chiefs, With fuch an army, and the godlike fon Of Neocles spectators, he begins The fight, but recollects that friend's request The Persian more effeminate desponds At past defeats, and present grief renew'd, Whose weight, though lighter, he less firmly bore, Than did the hardy Greek his heavier share Of woe. Yet fearless he maintains the strife 365 With native force devoid of gymnic skill, In which confiding Hyacinthus oft Inverts his fpear, and levels bloodlefs strokes, Still vigilant to ward the hoffile point, Oft o'er his buckler glancing, though impell'd At last a pond'rous blow. By active strength. Full on the Perfian's front descends; a groan Is heard throughout the rampart as he falls; The groan redoubles, as the victor bears That leader captive to th' investing camp.

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To his own tent Themistocles admits.

The Persian's batter'd, but unwounded limbs.

He praises Hyacinthus; he consoles

The noble fee, commends to healing rest,

And at returning morn salutes him thus:

If thee unranfom'd, Mindarus, I fend To Oreus, canft thou pity her estate Curs'd in a monfter? Canft thou feel the wound Of thy own glory longer to support The worst of men, excluded by his crimes From heavin's protection, and the laws of faith? Wilt thou, to spare whole rivulers of blood Greek and Barbarian, render to my arms The town, and thus procure thyfelf a name To live for ever, by a righteous act, Delighting gods and mortals? Thee my ships Shall land in fafety on thy native shore; The king will praise thee for his army sav'd, Which shall paraake my clemency. Reject. All hope, good Persian, to withstand my arm; I am Themistocles. The fatrap starts From languor thus: Athenian, I confess Thy greatness, thy ascendency have felt; But will endure, whate'er a victor's pow'r Inflicts on captives, rather than pollute, My loyal faith to Xerxes; from my king I took my charge, and never will betray. The The crimes of Demonax I know; myfelf
Have prov'd their horrors in Cleara's fate,
I lov'd, ador'd her excellence; her thread
His impious rage differer'd; on her tomb
My tears have daily flow'd. Retain me still
Thy captive, never to revisit more
Her father's hateful mansion. Heav'n permit,
By thy vindictive arm, but heav'n forbid,
That ever by disloyalty of mine,
Th' infernal author of her death may fall.

The barbarism of loyalty, which binds Men to a monarch, but the monarch leaves Free to his lufts, his cruelty and rage, Th' enlighten'd Greek despir'd, yet now deplor'd In one by nature gifted to deferve A better lot from heavin. Not les aware Of democratic jealoufy, which hurls From fortune's fuminit lieroes to the duff. He press'd no further; cautious nes to wound A gallant mind, whole friendship won he meatir To use in wants, fuch fortune might create.... He leaves Sicinus near him; while his care Exhaufts the light in traverfing the comp To view the works. His evening orders held Each band in arms a while anxious in his tent He fits deep-muling, whether to attempt The town that night by floring or putient wait

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For some event less bloody, casual boon

Of time and fortune. Wasteful is delay,
But precious to his soldiers; such brave lives
The full completion of his vast design
Requires. Thus, dubious, till the second watch
Throughout the camp is toll'd, and clouded heav'n
Drops down her sable veil, he sits; when lo!

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Before him stands his monitor unknown
The venerable sigure, which he saw
At Ægæ. Staid Sicinus is the guide,
Who swift retires, but watches saithful nigh.

mand distance of the party of the terms Themistocles, the stranger solemn spake; Thee I have trufted, thou haft trufted me, Nor either hath repented. Who I am, Now learn. By friendship's facred ties, by blood To thy best friend Eudora I am bound, 445 Elephenor am call'd, pontific seer Of Jupiter in Oreus. Timely warn'd By her most urgent mandate to repose All confidence in thee, and lend my aid, Nor lefs admonish'd by Tisander sage, 450 I help'd thee first with counsel; now I bring Effectual fuccour. Demonax, though foil'd, Hath still a pow'rful remnant of his host To man his walls, and desp'rate will defend. Select two thousand spears; avoid delay; 455 A fecret passage, known to hely steps Alone,

Alone, o'er town and tyrant will complete a sale A. Thy bloodless conquest. Swift the Attic chief is and A.

For conference I liker'd, and receiv'd

Of father! facred in my ear the found
Of good Tisander's, great Eudora's names;
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Thy former warnings I have prov'd sincere
To merit gratitude and trust. He calls
Sicinus, bids him summon all the chiefs
Of Locris and Carystus; they appear.
To Hyacinthus and Nicanor then
Themislocles: Attend with all your bands
This rev'rend guide; intelligence transmit
As you advance. His orders are perform'd.
Next he exhorts th' Oilean brethren thus,
Nor passes favour'd Haliartus by:

You with your Locrians follow to support the signal of these friends, lest ambush and deception lurk
Beneath a promise of assured success.

This faid, himself forth issues to prepare
The gen'ral host for action, ev'n that night,

If fair occasion summons, when he meets
Træzene's leader, Is Cleander here,
Themistocles began? Momentous sure,
The cause which sends thee from thy naval charge.

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To him Cleander: Anchor'd as I lay, 480
A flender

A flender skiff, when darkness first prevailed. Approach'd my galley. To an earnest fuit For conference I liften'd, and receiv'd On board a man of Ovens, alt in limbs Deform'd, in lineaments all sude, whose name Is Lamachus. To render up this night A sep'rate fort he proffers, which commands The town and harbour, if thy faith be pledg'd Him and Theffalia's garnifon to land Safe on her neighb'ring coaft. The will to learn I come, he waiss, His proffer Faccept. Rejoins th' alert Athenian, and the dooms I had prepar'd for those degen rate Greeks, Postpone. Cleander to his station files. Serene th' Athenian in array contains His army cool, with expectation mute. So, in deceitful quier of the main Before the glazing light of Dian spreads A mirror fmooth : the ruler of the winds 500 Anon from troubled clouds, and ocean's god From his temperatuous charios, give the fign For wild commotion; then the forging brine Affails the loftieft tops of reeling mafty Foams on the rocks, and deluges the beach.

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What to treat the edition in this is a minimal of HE morning breaks; Nicenor fudden greets The gen'ral; welcome tidings in thefe words He utters loud : The citadel is won, The tyrang flaughter'd. With our facred guide A rugged, winding track, in brambles hid, Half up a crag we climb'd, there, Rooping low, A narrow cleft we enterd; mazy ftill We trod through dufty bowels of a rock, While our conductor gather'd, as he fleep'd, A clue, which careful in his hand he coil'd. Our spears we trailed , each foldler held the faire Of his preceding comrade, We attain'd An iron wicket, where the ending line Was faften'd; shence a long and fleep afcent Was

Was hewn in steps; suspended on the sides,
Bright rows of tapers cheer'd our eyes with light.
We reach'd the top; there lifting o'er his head
A staff, against two horizontal valves
Our leader smote, which open'd at the sound.
Behind me Hyacinthus on the rock
Sunk sudden down, pronouncing in his fall.
Cleora; I on Hyacinthus call'd.

Is this Cleora's husband? cried the priest; Descend, my Pamphila, my wife, descend.

She came, a rev'rend priestes; tender both 25 With me affiffing plac'd my speechless friend Within a cleft by me unmark'd before, Which feem'd a passage to some devious cell, Me by the band Elephenor remov'd Precipitate; a grating door of brafs T : how 30 Clos'd on my parting steps. Ascend, he said, Make no enquiry ; but remain affor'd, hair His absence now is best. I mount, I rise and a publish Behind a maffy basis which upheld has a will be a street A Jove grasping thunder, and Saturnia crown'd, in 35 Who at his fide outfretch'd her scepter'd hand. The troops fucceeding fill the spacious dome. Last, unexpected, thence more welcome, rose, Detach'd from Medon with five hundred spears, Brave Haliartus, who repair'd the want and in 101 40 Of my disabled colleague. Now the priest : " and a se Ye

Ye chiefs, auxiliar to the gods profan	Acres from A
And men oppress'd, securely you have re	each'd in 101
The citadel of Oreus. The dark hour	Ameligit and P
Befriends your high attempt, Let one p	offes 45
The only entrance from the town below,	Lat tals whose
The other fwift the palace must surprise,	Buccellive outs
Where Demonax lies flumb'ring, if his g	vile allow a Y
Admits of reft, and dreams not of your	pears an mont

With small resistance from a drowly guard

I seiz'd the gate; the palace soon was forc'd

By Haliartus. Demonax maintain'd,

From door to door serce combat, till he sunk,

Blaspheming ev'ry pow'r of heav'n and hell,

On his own couch, beneath repeated wounds

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Delv'd in his body by the Carian sword,

Whose point produc'd the sever'd head in view.

These news, Sicinus, to Endora bear,
Themistocles began. Before her seet
Fall grateful, kiss for me her hallow'd robe;
60
My venerable friend Tisander hail,
To her, to him, the victory we owe.
Salute Timoxenus, my noble host,
Greet his excelling daughter; let them hear
Of brave Nicanor, and the Carian sword
Which, closing at a blow this dang'rous war,
Preserves so many Greeks. Carystian chief,

Accept

Accept from me good sidings in return

For thine. Intelligence this hour hath brought,

That vigilant Cleander hath possess to

The naval fort, an inlet to the town

For this whole army, pouring from our ships.

Successive numbers, if the Persian hands

Yet meditate resistance. Not to give.

Their consternation leisure to subdue.

Against the walls each standard shall advance.

He faid, and gave command. The different chiefs Head their battalions. Oveus trembling fees Encircling danger, heralds in their pomp, Dread fummoners, are nigh. Her foreign guard, Depriv'd of wonced leaders, at the fall Of Demonax aghaft, in thought behold Death in the conquer'd cleadel extend His hideous arms to beckon from the fleet Cleander's valour, and from fwarming tents 85 Themistocles. On his approach the gates of which Are thrown abroad. From all the Perlian hands Their javelins, shields, and banners on the ground Pale fear deposits. Thus the yielding masts Of all their canvass mariners dively When Æolus is riding on a florm To overwhelm the veffel, which would drive In full apparel to relift his ire. to the decement Creeks Carrillandia

Th' Athenian, though triumphant in his joy I half! The charge supreme transferring, he ascends as bear The citadel , the Carian victor there storage asomos ? Conducts him o'er the palace, thews the corfe I and the Of Demonax, his treasury anspoil'd, and a mailer and in By chosen Locrians guarded. Pleas'd, the chief Embraces Haliartus : Friend, he faid, Though late acquir'd, ineftimable friend, How shall I praise thee I but my bosom wrapt In long concealment, new to thee plane selder ver orth Disclos'd, shall warrant my profess'd regard. Know, that whatever thou haft heard, or then in ? Of my Eubocan labours, are no more, and and additional Than preparation for a wider stage Of action, Gold, one necessary means, Thou haft provided ; but I want a men 110 Of hardy limbs and vigirous, bold, diferent, Who all the Persian quarters would explore, it sold a On either fide Thermopyle, would trace fire and Whate'er employs Mardonius, what the time He takes the field, and where his gather'd ftores Of war deposits. Thesialy provok'd and hazar 116 Long fince my just refentment. Ere the king Of Asia pass'd the Hellespont, I led Ten thousand Greeks her passes to defend; By her deferted and betray'd, I march'd dur 120 Unprofitably back. The Carian here . Had

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Had I endowments equal to my will,

I were that man. Accept me, as I am,

Vers'd in those borders, me, whose faithful zeal

Leonidas experienc'd and approv'd,

So let Themistoeles. My rustic weeds

I can resume to range the Octaon crags,

The fields of Locris, and Thessalia's plains.

Thou art that man, th' Athenian quick rejoin'd;
Then hold thee ready. Sudden in their birth will 130
Are my refolves, and when mature have wings, and the

This faid he, villes Æschylus below.

Judicious he in stasions had dispos'd

The various bands; the pris'ners were secured.

Throughout the Orean streets and dwellings reign'd

Tranquillity and order. Him the son

136

Of Neocles bespake. To-morrow's dawn

Shall see thee hopour'd; as becomes a chief,

Whom Aristides nam'd; and Athens chose

To save Eubora. I defer till night

Our consultations. I, not wanted here,

Will reascend the citadel; the voice

Of friendship calls me to a tender care.

He feeks the fane. Elephenor he greets;

Applaufe to him in gratitude unfeign'd Prefenting,

Presenting, next his earnest lips enquire in primary of the Of Hyacinthus. Here the revirend man:

that by banked foreigns sometime.	
First know, his dear Cleora is alive.	The vilion
I, priest of Jove, and Pamphila my wife,	Difciofe m
Who to th' Olympian empress in this feat	150
Of blended rites are ministers, when told	ated Hor
That Demonax had doom'd his child to death,	Six moons i
Solicited her pardon in the names and and	Witers at
Of both divinities. At both he fpurn'd,	
While we contriv'd this firatagem. Her nurse	
By us admonish'd, in due time declar'd	Bf gracious
Cleora dead. The body of a flave,	
A youthful maiden recently expir'd	thing bill
Was for Cleora carried to the flames,	
While her we shelter'd in a fecret cell,	11 11 160
From human fight, from fight of day conceal'	dan lasts di
These pow'rs, alike offended at th' intent	Balan of my
As perpetration of an impious deed,	
Have fent thee forth their instrument of wrath	e projekti il
Divinely-prompted hero. Wilt thou shed	165
On Hyacinthus and Cleora's blifs	re had well
Thy guardian smile? This utter'd, down the	fteps
He guides th' Athenian to the hidden cell, to	cive to the
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By his Cleora Hyacinthus fat.

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The blooming father ever that precious fruit
Hung fondly. Thoughtful cellacy recall'd
His dream at Juno's temple : where he faw
The visionary bofom of his Bride That and a work if y te
Disclose maternal to an infant new
That pillow imouth of lifties. Wan list cheek
Told her confinement from the cheerful day: babasha o
Six moons in deep oblearity the awek
Where, as a fea-nymph underheath a rock, 186
Or Indian genie in the eavered earth;
Her cell in couchs and coral the had drefs'd, or shall
By gracious Pamphila fupplyed to chear bibliocomba and
Time and despair. The loom her patient art
Had plied, her own fad Rory had begun, 185
Now to conclude in joy. The farting youth
Beholds his patron, rufhes on his breaft
In transport thus: Redeemer of my peace I
Balm of my grief? of happines my fource!
My health of mind and body 19 thy gift. 10 11 11 196
If in his anguilli Hyacinthus felt
His obligation, in the hour of bliff,
To what excess must gratifude expand
His bofem now! Clears and my child
I owe to thy protection whis is flie,
This is my goddes, this my light, my joy,
Deriv'd from thy humanity. Thou god
Of Haycinthus, tatelary god to reso hardlad laldmover
Thou from the pir of horror didn aprairie stillation
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My limbs, for ever to its bettom chain'd 200 Without thy helpful hand, without thee death one had Had been my portion; never had I lived unling sound !! A To fee Cleate, never known this day, fortigues revented W. But will my gen'ral everleok my fault ? asod or sub sa A Thy foldier, in his fablermaneur intrell ob set not god Tow'rds this retirement, threw a calual glance, Which met Cleora's, Down the shield and spear it mil Dropp'd from my harde difabled a life forfoot and w My heart, which inrecoverably lost unnit bosts likeli are ? All fense of duty both to thee and Greece wit bbs and By me alone deferted Bleff that chance, at most yell. Themistocles replies, and leads afide the desired o acto Th' attentive youth. Perhaps thele gods ordain'd, In compensation of the long distress, In recompence of pure and conflaint love, 214 That to Cleora thou unftain'd with blood, Blood of her father by another flain, in dies could all Shouldst be restor'd, nor tains with horrors new This thy new hymen. Richylus by morn in the and I Will fit in judgment righteous, but fevere, 200 On each Eubœan criminal, the dead Not less than iving, Instantly remove A distalling of To thy Carystian home the wife and belt at the same Whate'er can pais in Oreus that offend and I balled at Her eye and ear. Then thrining to the fair: 225 From warlike toils thy confort I diffuse; when I am The He, who fo nobly fignalised his fotord the section of

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In fingle combat, and the open field, And prov'd his valour equal to his love, All future palms to others may relign. 230 Whatever comforts, time and peace can yield, Are due to both your fuffeings; nor an hour Shalt thou be cloifter'd in this rueful cell. Elephenor, discreet and rev'rend man, Let thy kind clue conduct their fecret steps. 235 With prefents laden, tokens of my love, and most began Cars shall attend them at the cavern's mouth; Thou add thy bleffing, that their new-born day May never fet in forrow, Thus the chief, Relax'd from bufy care, amid fueces, 240 Which not a shade of obstacle o'erhangs, Spake, as he felt, remunerating full For all his service Hyacinthus brave and an accommon

Land this brights both was I to said

back with the miles married said

His knees embracing, thus Cleora spake:

I have not utt'rance for my grateful heart;

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If thou dismiss us never more to see

Thy guardian sace, our day will set in grief.

In smiles th' Athenian dissipates that fear:

Long ere thy husband's magisterial term

Is finish'd, I have further still to crave

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From him as archon, not as soldier, help.

This to Carystus would alone direct

My sootsteps; else amid domestic joys

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To fee thy days illumin'd, precious time Themistocles would borrow from his charge.

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Thus in the grateful fair-one he fecur'd Another friend, if wanted to support His vast designs, which, gath'ring on his mind, Speed his departure with a kind farewell.

The cars he orders, from the tyrant's stores Rich presents draws, to Æschylus returns, With him in confrence spends remaining day.

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Aurora hears Themistocles command Stern proclamation by the trumpet's voice For judgment on the guilty. All in chains The tyrant's hated counsellors are brought, Save Lamachus by faith of treaty fafe Bound to Thessalian shores; but chief the fev'n Geræstian rushans, their assassin heads Hang hopeless down. Amid the widest space In Oreus lofty a tribunal stands Which Æschylus ascends, commander high Of troops enroll'd by Athens. So her fon Difgrac'd, but courting favour new, devis'd, Her democratic jealoufy to footh. The various chieftains, through this glorious war So late diftinguish'd, round the folemn feat Conspicuous wait, Themistocles himself Vol. II.

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At the right hand of Æschylus. He sits

Like Minos sage, whose justice gain'd from Jove

'Th' appointment awful to condemn, or spare

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His fellow mortals in the world below.

When now th' accusers and accus'd were heard, Thus spake the warrior-poet: Crimes like these The legislator punishes with death; 285 Let us attempt within our fcanty fphere. Far as we may, to imitate the gods In punishment deserv'd. Through those abodes Which Hades governs, long the vulture gnaws; Long is the toil of Sifyphus; to fill Their leaking vafes long the murd'rous feed Of Danaus must strive. By labour, pain, And shame continu'd, let flagitious men Long wish to end their fuff rings, not enjoy That wish'd-for period in a single pang. This heavy fentence on affaffin heads, On foul, atrocious counsellors of ill, Lo! I pronounce. An ignominious brand Imprint on every forehead; plunge them chain'd, Debas'd by vile impurity of garb, In deep Chalcidian quarries; give them food Just for endurance of continued toil, With-daily stripes, that cruelty may feel What she inflicts on others, and, impell'd By desperation, court relief in death. Before

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Before the gate of Oreus on a cross Extend the limbs of Demonax; the flesh Let kites deform, let parching air the bones Of that despotic malefactor bleach, Avenging man, and vindicating heav'n, Flow next a strain more pleasing through the ear. A strain delightful to that fav'ring god Who first created laurel to adorn The good and brave. A chaplet from his tree, Ten captives, ten selected suits of arms To ev'ry leader; one Barbarian slave, A fabre, targe, whatever to the field Accouters one Barbarian, I allot To ev'ry foldier. Phoebus will fupply His laurel too, encompassing your brows, 320 Ye gen'rous people. But a splendid store Of tripods, urns, and images provide For great Eudora, and th' Eretrian feer, That your triumphal off ring may emblaze Eubœa's fanes; nor less with honours greet Elephenor, your genius of fuccess. Eudora's portion thou, heroic prieft, Phæbean Timon, to her prefence bear. I need but name Acanthe to attract Your veneration: for Acanthe chuse Sweet paragon of Chalcis, from your spoils The costly tiffue of Barbaric looms, And dazzling gems, that gratitude may vie With

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With obligation: Haliartus, bright
In recent glories from a tyrant flain,
Thou at her feet the precious tribute lay.
For me, if, servant of Cecropia's state,
Lhave upheld her justice and renown,
Your approbation is the fole reward
Which I folieit, or will bear away
'On my returning keel. He ceas'd. In roar
Surpassing waves, which beat the craggy strand
Amidst a tempest, from the gen'ral host
Broke forth applause. Themistocles subjoin'd :

Awhile, my friends, your labours I suspend; 345
Go to your homes; to kind, expecting wives
Recount your trophies; let your children see
Paternal mansions hung with Asian spoils.
Remember still, that valour must not sleep;
That law restor'd and freedom are not firm
350
While Asia's trumpet sounds a blast in Greece.

Two days elapse; Timoxenus, arriv'd From Chalcis, joyful gratulation brings. Solicitous th' Athenian first enquires Of fair Acanthe's state. The father fond Thus answers: Wasting malady is sled, But hath behind it lest indisf'rence cold

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To ev'ry joy Thy wife a bracelet fent;
The words the bearer Haliartus brought,
Charg'd by Timothea elegant and wife. 360
" From me this present when Acanthe takes,
" Say, how I prize her elevated mind;
" Enabling my Themistocles to quell in the same
" The hateful breed of tyrants. Further fav.
"The man engaging her connubial hand 365
" I should esteem the favorite of heav'n."
I heard approving; on the grateful hint
A fecret hour I chole; my daughter's ear
hthus address'd. "My only child and hope,
" Shall no fweet offspring cheer a grandfire's age ?
"Shall my poffestions to a stranger pass, 371
" My blood be loft for ever ? Shall this war,
"Thy work, Acanthe, which a father's love,
" In all to thee complying, at thy fuit
"Commenc'd, produce no hero to confole 375
"Thy widow'd couch?" "The facrifice of life,
" Of my ideal, or my real peace,
" Is due to fuch a father," she exclaim'd
In pious fervour. "Arguments to urge
"Against thy plea my age and thine forbid; 380
"But ah ! dear parent, my capricious fate
" Presents no suitor to thy child's esteem."
The Amarynthian priestess, whose controll
Surpasses mine, with sternness oft enforc'd

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My just desire. At length my daughter thus 385
On my departure: "Tobey; consult
"Themistocles; let him a consort name,
"Who best hath serv'd him in this righteous war,"

Ne'er yet ill chance, or forrow, from the fon
Of Neocles drew tears. His foul reflects
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On this transcendent fair one, who had chang'd
The violence of passion to respect
So considential, dres'd in sweetest grace
So far beyond his merits tow'rds a heart
Of purest texture, late by him missed
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To erfor, now to purity restor'd
By native honour. At th' affecting thought
He turns those eyes, till then of stedfast look
On all events and objects, turns aside
To hide their oozing dews; yet soon he spake:
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None can I name, but wife Timothea's choice
To bear her prefent, Haliartus brave,
Who hath avow'd to Æschylus and me
A veneration for thy matchles child;
But he, appointed to a service high,
Like Hercules must labour yet to gain
The sum of bliss. For three successive moons
He must continue mine. The past events
In copious strains the hero now rehears'd,
Concluding thus: The army I disband;

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Great Æschylus for Athens strait embarks;

I shall remain in Oreus to compose

This troubled city; thou resume thy way;

The criminals transported in thy train

Lock in the quarries; to Acanthe all

Unravel; her and Chalcis too prepare

For due reception of that happy man,

Whom Jove hath hosour'd in a tyrant's death,

Whom Juno soon in auptial ties will bless,

And all Eubres to Acanthe sends

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With tokens rich of public praise and love.

With joy Timoxenus affents; the morn

Sees him depart; at Chalcis he arrives,

Performing all Themistocles enjoin'd.

Now ev'ry temple breathes perfumes; prepar'd

Are chosen victims, colonnades and gates

With chaplets hung; the garden's flow'ry growth,

Each scented propuse of luxuriant fields,

The maids and matrons bear to welcome home

Triumphant warriors. Now th' expected gleams

Of armour tinge the champaign's utmost verge;

At large develop'd o'er the green expanse,

Spears, bucklers, helmets, plumes, Barbaric spoils

In trophies pil'd on hollow-sounding cars,

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Grow on the fight. Through Chalcis lies the march; Those in abode the most remote precede.

Geræstian banners sirst Eudemus shews;
With Lampon follow Styra's gallant troop;
The Amarynthian and Carystian bands 440
Nicanor leads; th' Eretrians, now become
Once more a people, with their wives and race
At length redeem'd, to Cleon's orders move.
In blooming garlands had the mothers deck'd
Their children's heads, whom, tripping through the
streets, 445
Spectatres equal to the lostiest scene,
Eudora blesses. Sweet Acanthe melts
In tears of gladness, while her father nigh

These are thy warriors, fondly cries the sire;
To whom Eudora: Who is he in state
Pontifical, a holy man in arms?

Her native friends, whom brave Nearchus heads,

Awakes attention to a num'rous train,

Three hundred Delphians then were passing by,
Phoebean branches twisted round their spears.

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Behind them, lodg'd on axles rolling slow,
Were vases, tripods, images and busts,
Spoils of the palace Demonax had rais'd.

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Of Timon, prieft and foldier. From that car	
He will descend to kiss thy facred hand,	
Before thy feet a precious tribute lay	
For thy pure goddess, fifter of his god.	
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Themistocles hath chosen to revive	
My drooping years. Preceded by a troop	
Of youths, whom Medon, ever kind, hath cull'd	
From all his Locrian files to grace his friend;	
Preceded by a trophy, which displays 4	70
The filver mail of Demonax, his shield,	*
His helm of gold, his variegated arms,	
And fpear in length ten cubits, which upholds -	
The tyrant's head, his victor meets our eyes,	1
Th' illustrious fon of Lygdamis. She cast. 4	75
Not an impassion'd, but revering glance	
On one, whose might victorious had diffolv'd	
Eubocan thraldom, one of noble frame,	•
In feature comely, and in look ferene	
Whom her fole guide, the all controlling fon	80
Of Neocles, had deftin'd for her lord.	
Her dream recurs; the tyrant's head she sees;	
Th' exploit fublime, though not by him achiev'd,	
Whom-partial fancy on her pillow shew'd,	
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Admires impartial, and applauds the hand	

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Which dealt the glorious blow. Her awful brow
The priestess softens to a finile, and thus:

Is this the fuitor, whom my hero chose

For bright Acanthe? Pavour'd by the gods,
Themistocles in ev'ry action proves

He cannot err. Acanthe hears, and press'd

By duty's insurmountable controus,
Aw'd by Eudora's majesty austere,
Resolves to meet him with becoming grace,
But of his virtue make one trial more.

The Delphian priest and Haliartus quit Their chariots; them Timoxenus receives To his rich mansion and a fumptuous board. Eudora there, with curious eyes and voice, 500 Explores and questions of the Carian brave. His Delphian friend, observing, in these words Befought him: O, diftinguish'd by the gods! Who have in thee their care of virtue shewn, Since from Eubœa thou must foon depart, 505 Lofe not the present hour. These matchless dames Must hear thy wond rous narrative at large; For fingular thy fortunes with events Are interwoven to delight the ear, Affect the heart, and winth' applauding tongue; That all may honour thy defert supreme 511 libblings but a Waterman or as Like Like me, so much thy debtor. Straight complies.
The modest Carian; list'ning silence reigns.

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In native windings from his Lydian fount As various flow'd Mæander, here along 515 A level champaign, daify-painted meads, man distant Or golden fields of Ceres, here through woods In green arcades projecting o'er his banks, There shut in rock, which irritates the stream, Here by low hamlets, there by flately towns, 520 Till he attained the rich Magnefian feat; Thence with augmented fame and prouder floods Roll'd down his plenteous tribute to the main : So through the mazes of his fortune winds In artless eloquence th' expressive strain Of Haliartus, from his peafant state To scenes heroic. Humble still in mind; Compell'd to follow truth's historic clue, He ends in glory, which his blushes grace; Nor less they grace these frank and manly words, Which to Acanthe fingly he directs:

Such as I am, thou elevated fair,
Who hast Eubœa's liberty restor'd,
Her grateful off rings to thy feet I bring;
With them an humble suppliant to thy smile,
That he may rank thy soldier, in thy name
His own distinguish, and, achieving well

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The task by great Themistocles impos'd,
Deserve Acanthe's favour. She replies
With virtuous art: Can foldiers never know . 540
Satiety of fame ? must her career
Be ftill beginning, never be complete?
Must ev'ry passion yield to thirst of praise?
Should I request thee, wouldst thou for my fake
Thy new attempt relinquish, to enjoy 545
Thy ample portion of acquir'd renown
In peace at Chalcis? Haliarrus then:

Not love of fame, which of 'ner frowns than fmiles, Not victory, nor spoil inflate my breaft All unafpiring. Sense of duty pure, Of obligation, which I owe to Greece, Themistocles, and Medon, rules supreme Within my foul. O first of mortal fair, Thou of his peace thy fervant might'st deprive; But, wert thou fairer than the Paphian queen, In each excelling art like Pallas skill'd, Her paragon in wisdom, thy request Should thus be answer'd from a bleeding heart: To my performance of the trust repord The only bar is fate. Aftonish'd gaz'd 560 Timoxenus; nor knew the timid fire That his Acanthe's breaft then first conceiv'd A spark of passion, but a spark divine,

A Wind seconds."

Such as for heroes goddesses have felt;
As Thetis glow'd for Peleus. Thus the fair:

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O most deferving of that here's choice,
To which alone Acanthe lest her sate!
Weigh'd in the balance, nor desicient sound,
Thou more than worthy of a hand like mine!
Go, but return; triumphantly return
Lord of Acanthe; of my truth unchang'd
Accept this pledge. She gave, he kis'd her hand.
Eudora's vestment, while the solemn scene
Her looks approv'd, with servent lips he touch'd;
Then, classing glad Timoxenus, retir'd
To hoist his canvass in the morning gale.

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To me to alone it cannot left her "to be to the tribule."

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An April zephyr, with reviving sweets
From gay Euboca's myrtle border'd meads,
Persumes his breath, scarce russing in his course
The pearly robe of morn. A ready skiff
The Carian hero mounts; the gale, though soft,
To him is adverse. From a rapid keel
Of Oreus, lo! Sicinus lists a sign
Of salutation. Haliartus joins
The faithful man, and joyfully relates
His acquisition of Acanthe's hand.

To good Sicious grateful founds the tale, Who thus replies: To Athens I proceed. No fooner march'd the warriors to their homes. Than, difengag'd from public care, my lord same in Address'd me thus: Sicinus, spread the fail, To Athens fly; my wife and offspring waft of re A o'T' To my embraces; that, while gentle reft as refrect 10 Remits the labours of my limbs difarm'd, the labour diff. I with Timothea, the with me, may thate a sinh soll The past success, andraste of present joy. Thee, Haliartus, the esteems; thy fame, Exploits and fortune will augment her bliss: But of this friendly gale a moment more and off and of I must not lose. His vessel fails along & war and and The other flowly with laborious strokes Of oars contends for passage, till broad noon; Alaska Flames on the laurell'd poops and colours gay Of Athens and Trozene; on whose decks, A 120 Emblaz'd with spoils, and trophies, Phoebus pours His whole effulgence. Back to Attic strands wolfo They steer in view. To fifes and trumpets clear of all From ev'ry vessel in a blended found Reply the concave shores. Now sudden shifts The wind, and checks their progress; but permits Glad Haliartus close behind the helm Of Æschylus to pass. The choral notes Of triumph then were hush'd. The warrior-bard. Who had fo well accomplish'd all his charge, Like

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Like Jove in judgment, on the plain like Mars, Sat in oblivion of his arms, which lay Beside him. O'er the Heliconian hill In thought he wander'd, and invok'd the Muse To fing of civic harmony. The Mufe-To Aristides, and the conquiring fon-Of Neocles united, touch'd the lyre With melody rejoicing at their names. The Attic warriors throng'd the filent decks, The shrouds and yards. Attention clos'd their lips, Their minds were open'd. Musical and learn'd, Minerva's chosen people had been wont 50 To hear his numbers in the tragic scene. Sententious weight of poely, combin'd With mulic's pow'rful fpell, there tam'd the rude; Abash'd the vicious, and the good refin'd.

Oh! Artemisia, Haliartus sigh'd, While at the strain his progress he delay'd, How canft thou splendid vassalage prefer - In barb'rous climes, the relidence of flaves, To Greece, the land of freedom, arts and arms, The legislator's and the hero's feat, The guardian pure of equity and laws, The nurse of orphans helpless and oppress'd, Of all, whom Phæbus and the Mufes lift Above the rank of mortals! Greece, I owe More than my birth and being to thy love, My

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My sentiments I owe. Adopted child,

For thee my better parent now I go

To hazard all in voluntary zeal,

Ev'n the possession of Acanthe's charms.

On Atalantè's sea-beat verge he lands; Swift he collects his peafant weeds, the crook, The pipe and fcrip, thus musing: Ancient garb, Thou doft remind me of O leus good, Doft fummon all my gratitude to prove, That he, who benefits receives, and feels A grateful fense, is happy. From his side, His arm, and temples, he ungirds the fword, The shield releases, and unclasps the helm; These he commits, Sophronia; to thy care, Spoufe of Leonteus, mother of the race 80 Oilean. Them, in tenderness embrac'd, He leaves with bleffings, re-embarks and prints His bounding feet on Locris. Hermes thus In shepherd's weeds his deity conceal'd, By Jove's appointment on the flow'ry meads Of Inachus alighting; where he ftole On watchful Argus, and, his hundred eyes Eluding, referred from her bestial form Afflicted Io. Like the mountain roe The fon of Lygdamis in fpeed excell'd He, had he run for Atalanta's love, and law an Would have rejected Cytherea's aid, 100 March 17

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Nor, of her swiftness to beguile the fair, character of Before her steps the golden apples thrown.

He quits the shore impatient; on he slies

Unquestion'd, rank'd among the Locrian hinds,

All Persian subjects now. A midnight course

To Oeta's well-known mountains he prefers

Through winding vallies, sprinkled with his tears

In memory of past events. He sinds

The track to Mycon's hut; that goat-herd hears

The sound of sousteps through the morning dew;

He sees, he slies to Melibæus, clings

Around his neck. The seeming shepherd thus:

I'm is build release, and unching the belief Kind friend, inform me of Meliffa's weal, and tog To him the fwain: In wonder thou wilt hear, That no Barbarian dares afcend this hill Th' attempt with death Mardonius would chaftife. Benign Masistius, who his freedom gain'd anithmas all From gen'rous Medon, to his lifter thus The benefit repays. He often views manage as in the Thermopyla, inspects th' obsequious band, Which guards the cavern'd passage to our fane; The fane he visits. Pleas'd, Meliffa greets The gentle Persian, who delights to speak . 115 Of Ariftides righteous and humane, makes I to and all Of Medon's valour on Plittalia's ifle, sol note of hall all Who made Malistius captive. Thus at times at black The na.

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" Contain the object of my tend'rest care.

" To diffolution verges. O belov'd " By ev'ry Muse illumining thy mind

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"To grant thy healing aid."	Manifilus then:
"This is the princefs, wh	o her husband faw
" Slain at her feet, her infant	ts doom'd to death
" By Euphrantides ; never fu	nce that day
"The wound inflicted on he	
" Admitted cure." The ch	aritable fuit
Prevail'd, and foon Trachini	æ's gates receiv'd
The priestess borne in Amara	
Here Haliartus : Haft thou n	
Among the Persians who free	
A youth in rofy vigour, by	
Of Artamanes known? I have	

The goat-herd; he with Amarantha came; Seem'd doubly anxious for Meliffa's help To you afflicted princels; urg'd the fuit In Medon's name, his friend and faviour styl'd. Who made him captive on Pfittalia's shore. But on his cheek the rofes, thou doft paint, No longer bloom; his vifage, worn and pale, Denotes fome inward malady or grief, Now, Melibous, to my longing ear Thy history unfold. We parted last, Thou mayst remember, on this fatal spot. The gentle Agis from this point furvey'd You froth of torrents in their ftony beds, Yon shagged rocks, and that disastrous pass Beneath us: whence Barbarian numbers huge O'erwhelm'd Thermopyla. But first accept Refreshment. Under hairy boughs of pines A ruftic board he piles with oaten loaves, Dry'd fruits and chesnuts; bubbling nigh, a spring 190 Supplies their bev'rage. Here th' illustrious fon Of Lygdamis recounts a copious tale To wond'ring Mycon; but his birth conceals, And confanguinity with Caria's queen.

He stops to note the narrow passage throng'd With laden mules and camels. Mycon then:

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These are my constant spectacle; his host,
Mardonius now affembles. He transports, doob bland
Alpenus, yonder Locrian town, receives Localita normal
The gather'd produce of Theffalia's fields ; and and 200
Nicea's fort contains an equal flore, vinges mid observed
Preparative for war. Where lies the camp, to the
The Carian questions? On the Malian plain,
Which Oeta's cliffs command, the swain reply'd.
New tents on clear Spercheos daily rife 205
Of Persians banded from their winter holds;
Thou fhalt behold them : follow. Both proceed
Along the green expanse Melissa lov'd;
Where genial fpring had form'd of tufted fhrubs
A florid tincture to the lucid pool 210
Behind the dome, inviolable feat
Of all the Muses. Thence harmonious nymphs,
Part of Meliffa's ministerial choir,
Left in their function, with mellifluent voice
To harps in cadence true enchant the foul 215
Of Haliartus, doubly charm'd to hear
Leonidas the theme. With numbers sweet
His praise inwoven by Melissa's skill
Was their diurnal fong. But forrow foon
Invades a breaft, where gratitude presides; 220
The time and place to Haliartus rife,
Where he and Medon took their last farewell
Of that devoted hero. In a figh
The Carian thus: O well-remember'd scene
Once

Once to these eyes delectable! Thy flow'rs 1 225
Have loft their odour; thy crystalline pool a main and
Is dull in afpect to my fadd'ning fight perior 'source! to I
You cannot footh, melodious maids, the pain
Of recollection, flarting at the name
Your measures found. Beneath you folerm beech
Regret fits weeping; Lacedamon's king 231
There of terrestrial music heard the last
From Æschylus, the last of banquets shar'd that a line
With good Oileus' daughter. My con here:
in Real works and the design new designers are for the

Suppress this grief; the priestess has forbid 235
All lamentations for that hero's fate,
Who died so glorious. Follow to the cliff.

our Broke Della Martines and I

There I I con Serve from Charlest and I

They foon attain a high projecting point, and it was the When Haliartus in a fecond fight.

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Here stood Melissa; from her sacred lips
The queen of Caria hence andur'd reproof;
Hence did the great Leonidas explore
Th' advancing Persians, when his prudent care
The trees and marble fragments had amass'd,
Which from the mountain overwhelm'd below
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Such multitudes of foes. But, Mycon, speak,
What is that cross beside the public way?

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Ah! Meliboens, let thy spirit grieve Like mine, exclaims, in gushing tears, the swain : Lo! Xerxes' coward vengeance! Thou behold's Leonidas suspended on that cross of said dood come 251

sman sile toministed and la local As oft, when lightning firikes the human frame. . The wound, though imperceptible, deftroys Each vital pow'r throughout the stiff ning limbs, Which still retain their posture , rigid thus whole 255 Is Haliartus ; riveted to earth though house to He feems, nor utters found, nor breathes, nor moves His ghastly eyeballs. Now, when Mycon thrice His name repeated, briefly he replies:

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I am benumb'd-Conduct me to a cell Where I may flumber-Tend thy herd-Expect Me at thy home. A mostly cave is nigh; There Mycon leaves him. Haliartus stays, Not flumb'ring, but when Mycon is remote, Darts from the shelter, traverses a wood, 265 Descends a crag, which bounds the upper straits, Thence winds his rapid journey to the crofs, Which stands a wimess of Barbaric rage. His ardent zeal to free those honour'd bones Admits no paufe. The midnight watch is past; Importunate and hateful, birds obscene 271 Are gather'd round; disturb'd, their grating shrieks They mix, and clatter their ill-omen'd wings.

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A station'd guard is rous'd; resistless force
Surrounds the Carian, seizes, leads him bound 275
Before the chieftain of a camp advanc'd.

He, at the sight of Haliartus charg'd

With guilt, whose punishment is death, commands

Th' accusing soldiers to retire, and thus:

In tears, realled the lacture : Then thed think

Alas! hath forrow fo impair'd the hue 280 Of Artamanes, that oblivion masks His face from Haliartus, Thee I know, Thee Meliboeus once, benignant swain, My comforter in bondage, when we plough'd The Grecian seas in Delphian Timon's bark. 285 Was not I prefent, when the genuine feed Of Lygdamis in thee Aronces trac'd? But, O! illustrious brother of a queen square and Ador'd in Asia, what disastrous star in head sand and Thy midnight steps misguided, to incur 290 The king's immutable decree of death? Thy bold attempt was virtuous, but his will Hath made thy virtue criminal. Thy head At his own peril Artamanes still Shall guard; thy liberty accept; myfelf Will be thy guide to fafety. Ah! replies The gen'rous fon of Lygdamis, and class, bear, mod? The meritorious Perfian, I perceive, ponemier A Still unimpair'd thy virtues; but receive Thy noble proffer back. For my behoof 300 VOL. II. Not

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Not with its fhadow danger shall approach My friend; thy pris ner let me reft till morn. A lib'ral garb is all the boon I crave, Then to Mardonius lead me; tell my crime. No grace folicit; who I am, conceal,

In tears, replied the latrap: Then thou dieft; The royal edick cannot be controll'd.

It can, return'd the Carian; reft affurd, My preservation in myself I bear. Oh! that with equal certainty my pow'r Might from thy bolom chafe that inmate new, Whate'er it be, which violates thy peace, Thy early youth disfigures, and confumes Its fruit unripe. Ah! tell me, is it grief For some dead friend, or sickness, or the imart Of injury, or love? Acanthe wak'd That tender thought, which foften d on the tongue Of Haliartus. From the Perlian's breaft A figh, deep note of agony, which rivd His gentle heart, accompanied thele words:

Endear'd affociate in affliction part, Thou, and thou only, dost unlock the breast Of Artamanes. It is love, my friend; The object, once pollelling evry charm Exterior, ftill each beauty of the foul,

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By malady incurable devou	ed a the control of the proof.
From day to day is hall nin	g to the temb.
Oh! long deplor'd Sandauc	e; thee my fteps
Shall follow clofe My pal	hon is unknown
To her; peculiar was her	fate and mine, 1 1 330
Too delicate at first for me	to fpeak,
For her to hear. My hop	es malignant time
Hath wasted since, my hea	Ith in her decay.
But while my heart is blee	ding for my love, 10
The fluice grows wider, a	nd to friendship pours 335
A stream enlarged. Thy	danger-Ah! permit,
That I reveal thy origin an	d rank:
Thy fifter's name can fhake	the king's decree.

No, Artamanes, by th' immortal gods,
Rejoins the Carian; of my just attempt, 340
I, if fucceeding, all the merit knew,
If taken, knew my ranfom. But the stars,
Half through their circles run, fuggest repose.
May grief-affuaging heaviness of sleep
Embalm thy eyelids, and like mine thy break 345
Feel no disquiet; mayst thou rise again,
Saluting hope the harbinger of peace.
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Among the Greek auxiliars he procur'd	
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Apparel fair of Greece. His Carian guest Attir'd he guided o'er the Malian beach, To that august pavilion, which contain'd The royal person once, Mardonius now In all the state of Xerxes, fave the crown.

Thus Artamanes: fee a hapless man, Who hath attempted to remove the corfe Of Sparta's king. That hapless man must die, Returns the gen'ral; Xerxes fo ordain'd, Not I. Then absent on a charge remote. Mardonius knew not, nor approv'd when known, 'Th' indignity that noble corfe fuftain'd.

To him the Carian: Mindarus to death, With hecatombs of nobles thou decreeft, Who in Euboea will appeare my ghost.

Ha! who art thou, in agitation spake The Satrap? Guard, bid Lamachus approach, Our visitor so recent from that isle.

He was not far; the fon of Gobryas thus Address'd him ent'ring: Note that stranger well. Why doft thou ftart? Themistocles can boast No bolder warrior, Lamachus exclaim'd; I was his captive in th' Orean fight.

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Again the Carian : Truth for once he speaks ;
I dragg'd him bound my captive on that field; 376
Ariobarzanes felt me, further learn, of sating o's white'T'
By me the favage Demonat was flain, beed blad for W
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The mortal part of that transcendent man, aurisital 386
Who living shook all Asia with difmay, and you of the I
Had been my proudest boast. Mardonius then : u and W
At thy appearance, wi-And Profite lack,

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By Horomazes, I admire and prized sowl complete
Thy gen'rous flame, brave warrior! Under charge
Of Artamanes in Trachinia's round of a solution 382
A while remain. Now, Lamachus, afcend die seld
Some ready bark ; revisit yonder isle ; but it is
This Greek for Mindarus exchange; redeem worm and
The rest of Asia's nobles; I allot a bound and a live.
For each a talent. In these words salute 396
Themistocles: "To Athens I have fent
"Young Alexander, Macedonia's prince, which Angell
"Ambassador of friendship; I would called b'ashool of
"Themistocles ally; himfelf may name, him band
"But Persia's bounty shall exceed his price. and 395
"This if his Attic arrogance rejects, a gallevilre vo sal I
"Tell him, Mardonius, who difdains a war boul off
"Of oars and fails, the dubious ocean's fport, nor well
"Will give him battle on the plains of Thebes," adT
Uncored firebs in blown Haw descript his

Aguod'T' a sessione, mer Sandauce frele:

Though Artamanes joyfully, beholds 400
Mis friend in fafety, with a trembling step
Trachinia's gates he passes to the roof;
Which holds Sandauce. Entring, he perceives
Melissa. She, transported at the fight
Of Haliartus, thus began: Officiend forma 1000 405
Dear to my fire, to all th' Oilean house, of grant
What unexpected echacy were mine thought the
At thy appearance, if—Ah! Persian lord,
Sandauce, fweet Sandauce, yields to fate:
Her dying lips on Artamanes call; 410
Soft gratitude o'erflows her gentle breaft ;
Her wish is eager, ere she breathe her last,
To fee her friend and guardian. Ending here,
She moves before him; with unstable feet,
With other prompters, anguish and despair, 415
He fallows. Pallid on her mournful couch
The princess lies; her infants weep around;
Bright Amarantha in diforder'd garb,
Unloofen'd hair, and frantic with diffrefs,
Stands nigh. The graces fadden on her front; 420
Her beauteous eyes a gushing torrent pour
Like overswelling fountains, once ferene
The lucid mirrors to encircling flow'rs,
Now troubled by a ftorm, which levels round
The growth of shades and scatters on their face 425
Uprooted shrubs in bloom. Her languid lips
At length unclosing, thus Sandauce spake:
Omniscient

Omniscient God of nature ! let me lift it and it and it
My voice appealing. When before me lay
Autarctus flaughter'd, when these babes, condemn'd
By cruel rites, to facrifice were led, 4381
Did not the creature of thy tendires mold that or broaded
Feel as a wife, a mother, and receive the partial I all
A cureless wound & Thy providence uprais'd
A kind protector, through my lengthen'd walks 435
Of grief, till now they terminate in death.
If to his gentrous purity of care, to allow find by addited
Affiduous, kind and pious, time hath rais'd and moister!
Within my breaft a fecret, foft return, and the first had
Was this an error? Hath my heart abus'd 440
The fenfibility, thou gar'ft à Alone
Art thou my judge. Creator, Lobey:
Before thy awful presence thou dolt call
Sandauce's youth; unconscious of a crime,
My debt avow'd of gratitude I pays
By this confession of my seering breath.
To Artamanes. Od illustrious youth,
Supreme in rank, in virtue fill more high,
Thy care continue to these orphan babes.

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She ceas'd, and speechless on her pillow funk.

Th' enamour'd Persian instant on the floor

Dropp'd, like a stony mass, which inward throes

Of earth convulsive from a cliff disjoins;

Dead monument of ruin on the beach

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Immoveable it lies. Meliffa calls a boo marshine	455
On Haliartus; fuddenly he bears	W al
The haples youth, inanimate and cold, will and	rinio/
To an adjoining chamber: There outfretch'd,	110 0
Restor'd to sense by kind, unwearied zeal	m bi
In Haliartus, all the night he roam'd om a colin ac	460
Through fad delirium's labyrinths till morn ;	rul,
When lo! Melissa: Comfort thee, she faid,	min'.
The princess lives, the burden from her mind	ing K
Discharg'd, hath render'd to the pow'rs of life	d or l
Exertion less confin'd, rekindling hope and baid and	465
Of restoration. So th' all-ruling gods a floor of your	idal
Vicifitude to nature have decreed ; H 1 70770 Cartie	5. 86
The mind, the body languishes to-day,	
Revives to-morrow Interrupting came	nt fil
Mardonius thus: What tidings have I heard a tol	
Of Artamanes and the princess dead and a diney & 501	
By malady most rare, a mutual flame to bloom a	
Too long conceal'd? But ent'ring I receiv'd	
A milder tale; they live. Thou holy Greek!	
Employ thy science; fave a lovely dame,	
Though Persian born; in him preserve my friend;	
Mardonius, long thy country's foe, to thee	
Will ne'er be hoftile. To Sandauce go,	5/2
Say from my lips, and, Artamanes, hear, Daniel	as (1)
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At my enforcement shall the king unite
Their nuptial hands. Now rouse thee, gallant youth,
Not long thy gen'ral from his side can spare 485
Thy worth approv'd. Massistius is remote;
In virtue rich beyond a mortal's share,
But to that virtue never yielding rest,
He for a time on high adventure bent
Hath lest me; thou his vacant place must fill. 490
The son of Gobryas to his tent returns.

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Sev'n days were past, when Lamachus appear'd Before Mardonius. Mighty chief, he said, I hasted to Themistocles, and spoke Thy friendly words. His answer first imply'd No more, than cold acceptance of the terms For Mindarus. At length two hundred, prime, Of all his num'rous captives, he releas'd; His minister, Sicinus, in the ship, Which landed me, detains them near the port, Till Haliartus, and the promis'd gold

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Are lodg'd on board. Themistocles himself
Was bound to Athens with his menial train,
His wife and race. We parted on the shore.
To me, repeating in a whifper'd tone
Thy proffers large, he scornful thus reply'd: 15
" The spoils of Asia will exceed her gifts."
Then loud thy brave defiance I pronounc'd.
He with redoubled arrogance thus brief:
" Rouse thy new master; else the plains of Thebes
" I may attain before him." Fir'd with rage 20
Mardonius here: If Athens do not fend
By Alexander's mouth submission low,
She shall become the spoil of Asian slames,
Themistocles spectator of the blaze.
Be swift; you Greek for Mindarus exchange; 25
Two hundred talents promis'd shall be paid;
These ransom'd warriors I appoint my guard:
Brave Mindarus their captain. Stern he ends:
in open fight th' Athenian to confront
Magnanimous he burns; his heated foul 30
Yields to delusion of that subtle chief,
Wife like the ferpent gliding through a brake,
When his empoison'd jaws in filence steal
On some incautious woodman, who, on toil
Intent, exerts his brawny strength, nor deems 35
A toe is nigh, nor hears him, nor perceives,
Till fore the death inflicting wound he feels.
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To Haliartus. With regret he leaves
Dear friends, but dearer his Acanthe's love,
More prevalent his constant zeal for Greece
Combine to sooth his pain. They wing his speed
To good Sicinus, who the ransom'd train
Discharging tow'rds Eubœa steers the keel
With Persian treasure fraught. The ev'ning clos'd,
When by a hasty mandate to the son
Of Gobryas, Lamachus was call'd. The chief
In perturbation of indignant wrath
Was striding o'er the carpet, which bespread
His rich pavilion's sloor. His words were these:

The Macedonian king is just arriv'd

From Athens; I have seen him. Dost thou know,
That supercilious populace hath spurn'd
My condescension, menac'd ev'n a prince,
Their host, for pross'ring kindness in my name.
Such my reward. To all th' Ionian Greeks,
The seed of Athens, I, when victor, lest
Their democratic rule and laws unchang'd;
But I will cut all freedom by the roots.
From man's ungrateful race. The wily Greek
Insinuating fram'd this brief reply:

Perhaps the name of Kerkes may offend Th' Athenian tribes. Might Europe once behold

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The fon of Gobryas thron'd, then—Ha! proceed,
Mardonius answer'd. Lamachus again:
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Doth not all Ægypt, doth not Libya's clime,
With Asia vast, afford redundant sway
To gratify one monarch? First of men,
Why may not Thrace, with Macedonia's realm,
Thessalia, Greece, whate'er thy mighty arm
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Shall rend by conquest from the western world,
Become thy prize? They willing might accept
A sov'reign like Mardonius. Try their choice.

Away—Mardonius spake; and frowning bade
The Greek retire. Now lest alone he mus'd,
Thus questioning his heart: Aspiring thoughts,
Do ye awaken at the coz'ning touch
Of this vile tempter? Honour, while my ear
Detests th' adviser, fortisy my breast
Against th' advice—Enough—More swiftly drive,
Dull night, thy sooty wheels; come, active morn,
Then to the field, Mardonius. Conquer now;
Deliberate hereaster on the spoil.
But thou may'st perish—perish, and the gists
Of sortune change to everlasting same.

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A sudden trumpet strikes his ear; he sees

Massistius nigh. So breaks the polar star

Through night's unrav'ling canopy of clouds

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On some bewilder'd sailor to correct

His erring course. Amidst a warm embrace 90

Began Mardonius: O, in season come,

Thou more, than half myself! my strength decays,

My talents languish, ev'n my honour seeps,

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In Athens, I, your Macedonian hoft,
Of warm, unchang'd affection to your state,
Salvation bring, prosperity, and peace.
Reslect, what numbers of subjected Greeks,
Some ancient soes to Athens, others friends,
But now constrain'd, with Xerxes are ally'd.
The small remainder unsubdu'd consult
Their own defence. Are Spartans in the field?
Your produce, indefatigable race,
Your new-built mansions to a second waste
Of slames, your wives, your progeny, they leave
To want and rapine. Singly can you sace

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Half Greece, all Asia, leagu'd against your weal?

Oh! Amarantha, frowns on every brow
Indignant lour'd around me. Prefent there
Was Aëmnestus from Laconia's state:
He, who, unaw'd by Xerxes on his throne,
Strange retribution claim'd, and sternly chose
Mardonius' self the victim to appease
Leonidas. Th' Athenians he address'd:

"Invading Sardis to enlarge your fway,

"Athenians, you are authors of a war,

"Which now extends to all of Grecian blood;

"Ill would it then become you to defert

"The gen'ral coufe. To fervitude refign'd

"By you, a double shame the Greeks would cast

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"On Athens, known of old and often prov'd 170'
"By arms and counsel to redeem and guard
"The liberty of nations. Leondenn and and a did "
"Like you my tardy countrymen; will bleed and at "
"Not less for you, than Sparta. Soon, I truft, better
"She will arrange her phalanx on the field;" 175
"Else to your vengeance I devote my head. men work"
" Meantime your wives and offspring ev'ry flate
" In love will cherish. Attic ears, be shut
"To this deceiver, his condition calls maid on by mile ?!
"On him to plead for tyranny i himfelf and the 19 180'
"Wields a despotic scepter, petty lord want or and will "
" Of feeble Macedon, and Persia's slave."
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Severe and awful Ariftides rofe;
His manners still urbanity adorn'd : harten electrical to
"Alay give him Lande-Alexander, viewie
"Ambassador of Sparta," he began, a wolf 185
"Us thou hast charg'd as authors of the war, a find out "
"Yet dost extol our vigour in redress write mo on ond !
"Of injur'd states. Th' Ionians were enslav'd,
"Our own descendants; Sardis we assail'd
"To set them free; nor less our present zeal
" For all of Grecian blood, by common ties is the way
"Of language, manners, customs, rites and laws od 1 "
"To us ally'd. In Can Sparta doubt our faith Amire A
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"Was equal to Athenians, where to chuse	
" Their habitation, true to Greece they fay'doo! of the	
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of the "fhunn'dail, she ne swedner wat argumes liler : 200	
"Now from the ruins of paternal tamba, ov moves all I	
" Of alters fall'n, and violated fanes, warrow sallend	
" Loud vengeance calls, a voice our courage hears, al	
" Enlarg'd to pious fury. Spartan, know, soob at the T	
"If yet unknowing, of the Attic race best of mil 205	
" Not one to treat with Kernes will furvive,	
"Our wives and offspring shall encumber none; 10"	
"All we require of Sparta is to march;	
"That, ere th' expected foe invades our bounds;	
"The Greeks united on Bocotian plains in flavours 210	
" May give him battle-Alexander, view	
" That glorious pow'r, which rolls above dur heads	
" He first his wonted orbit shall forfake, dier wod all	
"Ere we our virtue. Never more appearixe flob as Y	
" Before the prefence of Cecropian tribes 11 215	
"With embassies like this; nor, blind by zeal,	
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What is beneath her majefty to bear 1997 De 1997	
" I should be griev'd her anger should difgrace as 10	
"A prince, diffinguish'd as her hoft and friend : 220	*
" Meantime I pity thy dependent flate," 12 11 1 1 1 1	

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Loud acclamations hurried from the fight
Of that affembly thy dejected spouse,
In his own thoughts dishonour'd. What a lot
Is mine! If Xerxes triumph, I become
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A slave in purple; should the Greeks prevail,
Should that Eubopan conqueror, the son
Of Neocles be sent th' Athenian scourge...

Hear, and take comfort, interpor'd the queen.

To thee I come for counfel, figh'd her lord;

I will repose me on thy breast, will hear.

Thy voice, hereaster even will obey;

Thy love, thy charms can sooth my present cares,

Thy wisdom ward the suture. She proceeds:

That Greece will triumph, rest assured; no souce
Of these untaught Barbarians can ress.
Her policy and arms. Awhile, dear lord,
We must submit to wear the galling mask.
Necessity imposes. New events
Are daily scatter'd by the restless palm.
Of Fortune; some will prove propitions. Wise,
To all men gracious, Aristides served.
By us in season will befriend our state.

This faid, her star-like beauty gilds his gloom,
While round them heav'n his midnight curtain drops.

By rising dawn th' Octaan rocks and caves

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Difference Throther teathers of while

Ring with ten thousand trumps and clarions loud.

With all his host the son of Gobryas leaves

His empty'd camp. So rushes from his den

The strong and thick-furn'd animal, who boasts

Calisto's lineage; bound in drowsy sloth

Bleak winter he exhausts; when tepid spring

His limbs releases from benumbing cold,

He reinstates his vigour, and afferts

Among Sarmatian woods his wonted sway.

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The bands entire of Persians and of Medes, The reft, selected from unnumber'd climes, Compose the army. Forty myriads fweep Thy pass, renown'd Thermopylæ, to rush On Grecian cities scatter'd in their view. So by the deep Borystenes in floods Of frothy rage, by mightier Danube's wave, Nor lefs by countlefs congregated ftreams, The Euxine swoln, through Hellespontine straits Impels his rapid current ; thence extends 265 Among th' Ægean ifles a turbid maze. Three days the multitude requir'd to pass The rough defile. Manifitius in the van His fumptuous arms, and all-furpassing form Tiridates leads the rear Discovers. 270 Clos'd by the troops of Macedon, whose king Sat on a car befide his radiant queen. Institute Amid the center, on a milk-white fleed, Mardonius

Mardonius rode in armour, plated gold
Thick fet with gems. Before him march'd a guard
Of giant fize, from each Barbarian tribe, 276
For huge dimention, and terrific mien, and a serious of
Preferr'd. Their captain, from his stature nam'd
Briareus, born on Rhodope, difplay'd
That hundred-handed Titan on his shield. 280
He fwung around an iron-studded mace, Name A
In length ten cubits; to his shoulders broad and tillia
The hairy spoils of hunted bears supply'd no bear significant
A shaggy mantle; his uncover'd head
Was bald, except where nigh the brawny neck 285
Short bushy locks their crisped terrors knit.
So his own mountain through furrounding woods
Lifts to the clouds a fummit bare and fmooth
In frost, which glistens by no feason thaw'd.
No: fuch is gentle Mindarus behind 290
In argent mail. Unceasing, on his shield
Intent, Cleora newly painted there
A living beauty, but another's prize,
He views, while hopeless passion wastes the hue
Of his fair cheek, and elegance of form. 295
Not less th' unrivall'd Amarantha's eyes and vince 10
Had pierc'd the fon of Gobryas. Instant sparks
On her appearance from Nicea first all our allamon soil
Had kindled warm defire, which absence cool'd,
While she in distant Macedon abode. 300
When winter melted at the breath of spring, 1
Her man can blot. I note percente a bace .

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Her fight again amid th'affembliag hoft Revived the fervour of an eaffern breaft By nature prone, by wanton licence usid, To am'rous pleasures. Public duty still Employ'd his hours , still fmother'd was the flame. Nor on his wishes had occasion finised. Ev'n in the ablence of Emathia's prince At Athens, friendship's uhremitted eate Still in Sandauce's chamber held the ordeen 1910 Sequefter'd, inacceffibly immur'd. It is also with any

Befide Mafiftius rode a youthful page Of eastern lineage. He in tend'rest years Stol'n by perficious traffickers in flaves, By Medon purchas'd, to Meliffa giv'n, By her was sam'd Statirus, and retain'd Among her holy fervitors. This youth On her benign protector The bestow'd, Masistius priz'd her token of esteem Beyond himfelf, and daily bounty flow'r'd 320 On young Statirus. Near the Locrian vale Advancing now the fatrap thus began :

O! early train'd by lage Meliffa's hand, Gift of her friendship, and in merit dear, Nine months are fled, Statious, fince I bow'd In docile reverence, nor unlike thy own, To her instruction. All her words divine In precept or narration, from this break No time can blot. I now perceive a lake,

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Which holds an Mand The hath oft deferibld, 330 Where tombs are mould'ring under cypress flides; There she hath told me, great Oileus refts. The shed h O father of Meliffa, should my powir continue said To favage licence of invalion leave the grant asydid to Thy dust exposed, my progress were but finall 335 In virtue's track , Manthus would diffrace the minute Thy daughter's guidance Fly, Statirus, post di mil Thefe my attendant vallals to protect hash mining aid. That facred turfy ler each barration passave bound out Ere ye rejoin me. Uttering this, he hears The trumper's evening fignal to encamp, with at visit relative The fun is low; not entiring yet the vale, Mardonius halts, and fullymone to his tent would him A Theffalia's chieftain, faithless Greek, approv'd The Perfian's friend, with him th' unwilling prince Of Macedon, to whom the gen'ral thus

To march by dawn your squadrons both prepare: Thou, Lariffean Thorax, in thefe tracts and hear of My trufted guide, with fwife excursion reach The Ishmus, watch the Spartan motions there. Thou, Alexander, fweep the furthest bounds and ages Of Locris, Doris, Phoeis all cheir wouth mid shood In arms collect; ererthinty days elapfe, or the point hit A I shall expect them on the plains of Thebes, then went

He faid: The king and Thorax both retire. The morning shines; they execute their charge; The host proceeds. Once happy was the vale,

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Where Medon's father, and his faithful fwain, it is it.
Now to illustrious Haliartus chang'der one edition and W
Abode in peace. No longer is retain'd; drad orl ore 360
The verdant smoothness, ridg'd by grating wheels in o
Of Libyan cars, uptorn by pond'rous hoofs is a control
Of drooping fleeds and camels, Not this day hab will
Is festive, such as Sparta's king enjoy'd, lost course
When lib'ral hospitality receiv'd
His guardian standard on the Oilean turk and will be the
No jocund fwain now modulates his pipens bornel and
To notes o' welcome; not a maiden decks dig to selle
Her hair in flow'rs; mute Philomel, whose throat
Once tun'd her warble to Laconian flutes, i and 370
Amid barbarian dissonance repines. an animal stimular

Now in rude march th' innumerable host
Approach the fountain, whose translucent rills
In murmur lull the passenger's repose
On beds of moss, in that refreshing cell,
To rural peace constructed by the friend
Of man, Oileus. Thither to evade
The noontide heat the son of Gobryas turns.
Briareus, captain of his giant guard,
Accosts him ent'ring: Image of the king,
A list'ning ear to me thy servant lend;
Thou goest to Thebes; far dist'rent is the track
To Delphi. Shall that receptacle proud
Of Grecian treasure, heap'd from earliest times,
Yet rest unspoil'd? An earthquake, not the arms

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Of Phobus on e provok'd, and forely felt. Thou canft not mean. The eager Perfian then

"Admit th' intent; thy interceding voice Protects Apollo. Not on my request Avoid an impious action, firm the fpake; 415 Weigh thy own danger in offending heav'n, By piety and mercy win its grace.

No, all the merit shall be thine, he cried: The favour due from heav'n be all thy own. I ask no more than Amarantha's smile For my reward; as Phoebus is thy god, Thou art my goddess. Let me worship thus-

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He stopp'd, and feiz'd her hand with am'rous lips To stain those lilied beauties, which surpass'd Junonian whiteness. Virtue from her eyes Flash'd, and with crimson indignation dy'd Her cheeks: Retire; forget not who I am, Stern she rebuk'd him. He, accustom'd long To yielding beauty in the wanton East, That torrid clime of love, a ftranger he To elegance of coyness in the fex, Much more to chaste repulse, when ev'ry bar But honour warm occasion hath remov'd, These words austerely utter'd : Am I chang'd ? No more Mardonius? Is my dazzling fun 435 Of pow'r and splendour suddenly obseur'd?

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In state degraded, for a peafant's garb Have I exchang'd my purple? Is my prime. My form, in all th' impurities of age By fome malignant talifman difguis'd, At once grown loathfome? Who, and what I am. Thou prodigy of coldness and difdain, Remind me. Who, and what thou art, the faid. I will remind thee to confound thee more. No characters of magic have the pow'r To change a noble and ingenuous mind; Thou halt thyself degraded; thou hast renf The wreaths, which circle thy commanding brow. And all their fplendour wentonly defac'd. Thy rank and pow'r exalted doft thou hold 450 From partial heav'n to violate the laws Of men and gods? True pattern to the world Of Persian virtues! Now to all thy pomp, Thy steeds, thy chariots, and emblazing gems, The gorgeous pageants of tyrannic state, 455 Heave thee, fon of luxury and vice.

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Another hangs beneath it in this strain : 470 " Laconian Aëmnestus rested here, " From Asia's camp return'd. His faulchion's point " To deities and mortals thus proclaims "His arm to vengeance on Mardonius pledg'd, " The king of Sparta's manes to appeafe." 475

Brave was the son of Gobryas, like the god Of war in battle; yet a dream, an act Of froward chance, would oft depress his mind. He recollects with pain the challenge bold From that severe Laconian in the tent 480 Of Xerxes; this to Amarantha's fcorn Succeeding, throws new darkness o'er his gloom, Masistius ent'ring hasty thus began:

What hast thou done, Mardonius? When I led This princess back, indignant she complain'd 485 Of wrong from thee. Thy countenance is griev'd.

Confus'd,

Confus'd. Mardonius pointed to the fcrolls; Massitius read; he took the word again:

Now in the name of Horomazes, chief. Are thou discourag'd by a Grecian vaunt, 490 Or by that empty oracle which claim'd Atonement for Leonidas ? Despise Mysterious words and omens like a man. But if thou bear'st the conscience of a deed Unworthy, just thy forrow; like a man 495 Feel due contrition, and the fault repair.

I have meant wrong, not acted, faid the chief, Greece once produc'd a Helen, who forfook A throne and hulland: what these later dames Call honour, which without an eunuch guard 500 Protects their charms, in Asia is unknown. Resentful, gall'd at first, I now admire This lofty woman, who, like Helen bright, Rejected me a lover, who furpass The fon of Priam. Thou art gentler far 505 Than I, discreet Massistius; sooth by morn With lenient words, and coftly gifts, her ire, Call Mindarus, together let us feaft; He too is gentle. I am rough and hot, Whom thou canst guide, Masistius, thou alone.

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Soon is the royal equipage producid, the table M.
Which Xerxes gave Mardonius to fustain
His delegated state. Ye rustic pow'rs ton and and
Ye Dryads, Oreads of th' Oilean feat!
Ye Naiads white of lucid brooks and founts !
Had you existence other than in tales
Of fancy, how had your aftonish'd eyes
At piles of gold enric 'd by orient gems
Been dimm'd with lustre? Genius of the cell 520
Simplicity had fram'd to rural peace !
How hadft thou flarted at a Persian board?
Fair female minftrels charm the fight and ear ;
Effeminating measures on their lates
D.ffolve the foul in languor, which admits 525
No thought but love. Their voices chance directs
To fing of Daphne by Apollo chas'd,
Of him inflam'd at beauties in her flight 459 dilliming.
Disclos'd, him reaching with a vain embrace
Those virgin beauties, into laurel chang'd 201 1 530
On flowry-bank'd Orontes, Syrian stream.
Mardonius fighs at difappointed love;

Mardonius fighs at disappointed love;
Tears down the cheeks of Mindarus descend,
Recalling dear Cleora, not as dead
Recall'd, but living in another's arms.

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Not so the simmels of Massistius yields; The soft, lascivious theme his thoughts reject,

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By pure affections govern'd. Yet the charm
Of harmony prevailing ferves to raife
Compos'd remembrance of Melissa's lyre,
Which oft in stillness of a moon-light hour,
Amid her nymphs in symphony high-ton'd,
To moderation, equity, and saith,
To deeds heroic and humane she struck
With force divine, reproving lawless will,
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Intemp'rate passions, turpitude of mind,
And savage manners in her ethic lay.

The banquet ends, and all depart to rest.

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By morn return'd Massistius: Hear, he said,
Th' event unpleasing from thy passion sprung.
Mardonius, thy temerity hath chas'd
From Persia's camp the Macedonian queen;
I sound her tent abandon'd; but her course
Conjecture cannot trace. What other style
Than of Barbarians can the Greeks afford
To us of Asia? Lo! a youthful king,
Our best ally, and my distinguish'd friend,
Exerts a distant effort in our cause,
Meantime the honour of his queen, by all

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Ador'd,

Ador'd, inviolate till now, our chief
Infults, by station her protector fole,
When I am absent. Not thyself alone
Thou hast disgrac'd, but me her guardian pledg'd
By facred oaths to Macedonia's lord.

These words, evincing nature's purest gists,
Deserving that society sublime
With Grecian muses, where Melissa pour'd
Her moral strain, in perturbation plunge
The hearer; when importunate, abrupt
Appears Briareus, and renews the suit
To pillage Delphi. No, in wrath replied
The clouded son of Gobryas; bring my steed;
March all to Thebes. Then humble as a child,
Who to parental cassigation owns
His fault in tears, Massistius he address'd:

How blefs'd the mind by Horomazes fram'd
Like thine, ferene Massistius, to resist
Unruly passions! never warm desires,
Pride, or ambition, vex thy equal thoughts,
Which from their level no dejection low'rs;
Yet none surpasses thee in rank and pow'r
Among the satraps. Uncorrupted man!
O, in thyself superior to thy state,
Me, who so often sink below my own,
Befriend in this dark moment. I foresee,
I feel disaster in this harsh event.

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Massistius here : Resect, thou mighty chief, WithA At either gate of life, the first and last, Yet more through all their intermediate space, I mail Vicifirude and hazard lurk unfeen, Supplanting wary steps. To mortal pow'r Those dreadful ministers of jealous heav'n. The elements, are hostile, and to low'r The great with changing fortune of conspire. Her cruel fport, Mardonius, need we tempt With our own follies? In thy arduous post Thy hand fustains a balance, where the lives Of nations, where an empire's fate is pois'd From hour to hour against the common ills Of chance and nature, which fo often foil the notable The wifest; do not super add the weight and or oll Of thy own passions to the adverse scale I, who am ever to thy virtues just, Will not be flow, though grieving at thy faults, To furnish present help. Farewell; I mount id all My swiftest courser to o'errake the queen, and ylund Whose indignation I can best compose. The to the Which from their level no dejedion low

Mardonius then! Adventure is a chase of a 60. Thy virtue, no idolatress of same,

Enjoys; thy prompters are the love of right,

Care for a friend, or zeal for Persia's state,

Which render hazardous attempts thy bliss,

Sublime Massitius. Thou halt weight to awe 15. 15. 65.

Mardonius, who thy enterprising hand
Laments, but never to controul assumes,
Yet seels and most regrets his own desects,
Whene'er they cause thy absence. Here they end
Discourse. Of cavalry a num'rous pow'r,
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Train'd by himself, Massitius heads, and leaves
The army filing tow'rds Bœotian fields.

He bends his course to Delphi; he attains Permeffus, round the Heliconian heights tras or drud al f In argent mazes whisp'ring, as he flows, 100 315 100 75 To paffengers along the winding way, was a see a see Which skirts the mountain, and o'erlooks the stream, Back from the ford the fatrap's courser flarts Affrighted. Lo! to crimfon, as of blood, In fudden change the late crystalline wave, Vatalai 4.80 Melodious folace of the facred nine. Rolls horrible to view. Anon with helms, With spears and bucklers, grating o'er the bed Of loofen'd flone, with limbs and trunks of men, The turbid current chases. Massilius spurs 85 Through all obstruction; in his forc'd career The clank of armour, crash of spears, and shouts Of battle ftrike his ear; the vocal rocks Augment the animating found; he fees A flying foldier, by his target known A Macedonian guard, who ftops, and thus:

Hail! satrap, hail! thou timely sent by heav'n, Haste and protect the Macedonian queen.

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A host of robbers, by the lawless times Combin'd, have vanquish'd our inferior force : 95 Part of our mangled number choak that flood, Part on the ground lie bleeding. At these words Masistius rushes with his pond'rous lance In rest; Emathia's beauteous queen in flight Before pursuing ruffians he perceives 100 On her fleet courfer. Thunderbolt of strength, He hurls to earth their leader giant-fiz'd, A profligate deferter from the guard Mardonian. Next a Phocian born, expell'd His native residence for crimes, he slew: The active staff is broken in the chest Of an Arcadian, branded by his state With infamy; the victor then unsheaths His fabre, op'ning through the favage rout A passage wide for death. His faithful train 110 Surround them; irrefiftible he fweeps The traitors headlong to the flood below, Which foams like Simois, by Pelides fwoln With Trojan dead, and struggling to discharge Th' unwanted load in Neptune's briny waste.

The conqueror dismounts; before the queen
His gracious form presenting, in the arms
Of his sustaining friends he sudden sinks,
Oppress'd by wounds unheeded, ev'n unfelt
Amid the warmth of action. Then her veil

120 She She rends afunder, and, lamenting, beats
Her grateful breaft. The notes of forrow, loud
Through all the concourse, dissipate his trance.
Serene these words he utters: Honour's track
Is perilous, though lovely; there to walk,
Not searing death, nor coveting his stroke,
Though to receive it ever well prepar'd
Has been my choice and study. But, fair queen,
Be not discourag'd at my present state,
Wounds are to me familiar, and their cures;
To Delphi lead me, or whatever place,
Thy wish presers. Massistius comes thy guard,
So will continue, and, ere long restor'd,
Hath much for thy instruction to impart.

While these to Delphi, on his march to Thebes
Advanc'd the son of Gobryas. Soon the steps
Innumerous of men and coursers bruise
On green Cephissian meads the growth of May.
Copææ's lake, perfum'd with orange groves,
Which rude unsated violence deforms,
The multitudes envelop; thence along
The sedgy borders of Ismenus reach
Cadmēan walls, when now the golden sun
Sev'n times had fill'd his orbit. Thebes admits
The Persian gen'ral, in these words address'd

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By Leontiades: Thrice welcome, lord,
We, thy allies, our counsel to disclose

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Have waited long. Not hexarding a fight;
Thou hast the means to ascertain success.
Here seated tranquil, from exhaustless stores
Distribute gold among the Grecian states;
Corrupt the pow'rful, open factions mouth,
Divide, nor doubt to overcome that strength,
Which, link'd in union, will surmount the force
Of all mankind. The ardent Persian here: 155

To court th' Athenians with a lavish hand
Have I not stoop'd already? but, disdain'd,
That haughty race to destiny I leave.
Have I not bid desiance to their boast,
Themistocles? Him, forfeiting his word,
Pledg'd to confront me on Bosotian plains,
I haste to summon at his native gates.
What are the Greeks, if Athens be reduc'd?
Where are the vaunted Spartans? lock'd in sear
Behind their isthmian wall, by heav'n in sear
Of Thorax ranging with a stender hand
Of his Thessalian horse. Thou rule in Thebes,
Brave Mindarus, till I from Athens tam'd
Return with setters for the rest of Greece.

of the valle, when now the galles fun

He feeks his couch, and, after thort repose,

By twilight bursts like thunder from a cloud,

Which, on Olympus how ring black, contains

The livid store of Jove's collected wrath

Against

Against offending mortals O'er a land of sime red ?
Deferred, filent, to the empty roofs the of well 175
Of Athens was the march. Mardonius climb'd
Ægaleos, thence on Salamis descry'd
That much-enduring people, who again and 3 m
For liberty forfook their native homes
On his approach. His gen'rous pride relents; 1 180
He wishes such a nation were a friend; w , while I and
His wishes waken in his breast an awe
At fuch a foe. Murichides was nigh,
A Hellespontine Grecian of his train, some form
Nor in his favour low; to him he fpake:
cital on Lymp, and but saving two bring of.

Look on that haughty, but that gallent race;
Perhaps at me, by myriads thus begirt,
Their very children lift their little hands we may the M
In menaces, and curfing life the names
Of Xerxes and Mardonius. Mount a bark:
Pass with a herald to that crowded isle;
The fenators accost; the people soun,
In pride beyond nobility : repeat
The words Æmathian Alexander us'd : 1007 Palatton al-1
"Ye men of Athens, repossels your homes : ATA 7.295
" Enlarg'd dominion from the royal hand
"Alk and obtain; be govern'd by your laws;
"The fon of Gobryas will rebuild your fanes;
"Accept the king's alliance, and be free
"With added strength and splendour." Further fay,
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They little know what confidence is due 201 To him who fends thee. Afian Greeks, fubdu'd By me, retain their democratic rights,

On Salamis the Hellespontine lands: Before th' Athenian fenate he displays 205 The Persian proffer. All indignant hear But Lycides, who thus exhorting spake : 120 miles

From Athens twice expell'd, deferted twice By Lacedemon, who her toil employs Still on her ifthmian fence, who lifts no shield To guard our wives and progeny, to fave From desolation our desenceless fields, Or from our homes repel the hostile blaze, What can we better, injur'd and betray'd, Than liften to Mardonius? be referr'd His terms of friendship to th' affembling tribes.

The universal fenate role in fcorn Of fuch fubmission. By the people known, His counsel rous'd enthusiastic rage, Nor Aristides can the tumult cool : They stone the timid senator to death. The women catch the spirit; sierce, as fair, Laodice collects th' infuriate fex. They hand in hand a dreadful circle form Around his mansion, and his wife and race 225

Doom

Doom to perdition, that his coward blood
May ne'er survive in Greece. Enormous thought!
Perhaps not less than such excess of zeal
Excess of peril in that season claim'd
To save a land, which foster'd ev'ry muse; 230
That eloquence, philosophy and arts
Might shine in Attic purity of light
To latest ages: but a sudden sleet,
In wide array extending on the shore,
Suspends the deed. Before each wond'ring eye 235
Timothea lands, Sicinus at her side;
When thus the matron to th' impatient throng:

His native friends Themistocles falutes; Eubæan plenty in your present need He fends. Returning, I this crouded ifle 240 Will-disencum' er, and to safety bear Your wives and infants; open to their wants Eudora holds her Amarynthian feat; Elephenor, Tifander to the shrines Of Jove invite them, and to friendly roofs 245 Eubza's towns. As oft Aurora sheds Serenity around her, when the gates Of light first open to her fragrant step; Hush'd at her feet lies Boreas, who had rent The dusky pall of night, and Jove restrains 250 The thunder's roar, and torrents of the skies; Such was Timothea's presence, so the storm,

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By furies late excited, at her voice

Was tame. She learns the melancholy fate

Of Lycides, to her protection takes

His helpless orphans, and disastrous wife.

Now of its plenteous stores while eager hands The num'rous fleet unlade, and Attic dames Prepare with good Timothea to embark; Just Aristides, first of men, conducts 260 That first of matrons to his joyful tent, Where she began : O righteous like the gods, Now hear my whole commission, and believe Themistocles, my husband, feels thy worth. When at his fummons on Eubœa's coast 265 I landed first, " Thrice welcome," he exclaim'd, " From Athens hither to a fafe abode. " A fecond emigration I prefage "To her afflicted race." From port to port Around Euboca's populous extent 270 With him convey'd, I faw her wealthy towns To his controul fubordinate. Their pow'rs He now is gath'ring; some achievement new He meditates, which fecrefy conceals Like fate's dark roll inscrutable to all. From thee an early notice he requests, Soon as the Greeks, united in one camp, The fole attention of Mardonius draw; Th' intelligence to bring I leave behind That

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That faithful man, Sicinus. Virtuous dame, 280
Wife is thy husband, Aristides spake;
From him no other than achievements high,
However my conjecture they furpals,
I still expect. Themistocles apprife,
That I am bound for Sparta to upbraid 285
Paufanias proud, and fummon to the field
That felfish breed so martial, yet so cold
To public welfare. Let me next prefer
To thy benignity a fervent fuit.
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He straight withdrew, and re-appearing led 290
Two little damfels humble in attire.
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Behold my daughters, he refum'd; admit
These to thy care; now motherless they want
Protection , ev'n Euphemia they have loft :
My venerable parent have the gods 295
Releas'd but newly from the growing fcene
Of trouble. Athens must a parent prove
To these hereafter, fated to receive
No portion from a father, who delights
In poverty. His arms are all the wealth 300
Of Ariftides. With a tender hand
She takes the children: O! of men, fhe faid,
Most rich, whose wealth is virtue, in the name
Of household gods this office I accept.
O'Ariftides! thefe shall mix with mine;
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These shall contribute to cement the work,
I long have wrought, the amity begun
Betwixt Themistocles and thee. In tears
Depart the infant maidens from a fire
Of gentlest nature, and in manners bland
Not less, than just. Meanwhile to Athens steers
Murichides unharm'd. The rising dawn
Sees with her precious charge Timothea sail.

Lo! from the city clouds of smoke ascend Voluminous, with interlacing flames, 315 Such as Vesuvius vomits from his gulph Sulphureous, when unquenchable the heat Within his concave melts the furging ore To floods of fire. Murichides had told His fruitless embassy; Mardonius, wild 320 With ire, to instant conflagration doom'd Th' abode of fuch inexorable foes. They, on the margin opposite, beheld Their ancient residence a second time Destroy'd; nor utter'd more than just complaint 325 Of tardy Sparta. When Briareus dire With his gigantic favages o'erturn'd The recent tomb, which held the glorious Cain-At Salamis; when scatter'd in the wind They faw that dust rever'd: in folemn rage; 330 Devoid of found illiberal, or loud, Each his right hand with fanctity of oaths Pledg'd

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Pledg'd to his neighbour, and to vengeance full
His blood devoted. Aristides look'd,
As some incens'd divinity, and spake:

Perfift, ye sons of folly; crush that tomb;
The last repose of you heroic slain
Disturb, therein exhibiting your doom
From mortals, and immortals. Thus your pride
By heav'n, and Grecian valour, shall be crush'd,
Your impious host be scatter'd like that dust
Which your barbarity profanes. Now, friends,
By your appointment I to Sparta sail;
You under watchful discipline remain
Compos'd and firm; such patience will surmount
All obstacle, Athenians; will restore—
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In brighter glories your paternal seats.

This faid, the isle he leaves, felecting none,
But Cimon for affociate. In the bark
Him Aristides placidly befpake:

Son of Miltiades the great in arms,
Thy early youth was diffolute; thy look
Ingenuous still, and frank thy tongue, reveal'd
Internal virtue; friendship on my part
Succeeded, thence a study to reclaim
Thy human frailties. I rejoice in hope,
Thou wilt hereafter prove an Attic star,

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In council wife, triumphant in the field,
Humane to strangers, to thy country just,
Priend to her laws, to all her Muses kind,
Who may record thy actions. Cimon here:

If I have virtues, they proceed from thee;
If I attain to glory, I shall owe
To thee my lustre. To deserve thy praise,
What have I yet accomplished? I have sought
At Salamis, what more performing there
Than each Athenian? Aristides then:

True, all were brave; my judgment doth not rest
On one exploit; thy modesty o'erlooks
The signs of worth and talents, whence my hopes
Have rank'd thee sirst of Grecians. To acquire,
To keep that station, Cimon, be thy choice;
Thou hast the means; but this impression hold,
Who would excel, must be a moral man.

Thus they exhaust their voyage of a day,
When at Trozzene they arrive, and find
Renown'd Cleander training for the field
His native bands. To Sparta thence they sail.
The Ephori assemble, when they hear
Of Aristides, who an audience claims;

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He comes before them, and austerely thus:

Cecropia's race, exterminated twice, Demand of Sparta, whether floth, or fear,

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Or Persian gold her buckler hath unbrac'd.	ne Val
Mardonius proffer d more than equal terms,	385
Not friendship fingly, but enlarg'd domain	1
To Athens, who to eleutherian Jove,	
To Greece was faithful, and the lib'ral gift	dill.
Difdain'd. Your own amballador pronounc'd	1.1
Your phalanx ready; for its speedy march	390
His head he pledg'd. Mardonius takes the field,	
He lays th' Athenian territory waste;	
Where are the Spartans? Adding work to work	risil.
For their own fep rate fafety at their wall,	e il
Inglorious ifthmian wall, while half the Greeks	395
Become your foes, and Athens is betray'd.	

Pausanias present proudly thus replied:
Hast thou not heard, the Hyacinthian rites
Employ the Spartans? shall the heads of Greece
Be question'd, be directed when to act
By you Athenians? your inserior state
May wait our leisure. Aristides here:

Talk'st thou to me of Hyacinthian games,
While rude Barbarians riot in our fields,
While Athens burns, while facrilege invades
Our temples, while our ancestors we see
Torn from the grave? Pausanias, thou difgrace
To thy foresather Hercules, whose arm,
To friends a bulwark, was a scourge to soes,

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What haft thou faid ? But, guardian to the fon Of that renown'd Leonidas, who fought Beyond the ifthmus, and for Greece expir'd, If thou retain'st no rev'rence for his blood, If thou doft forn Lycurgus and his laws, If holding liberty an empty name, Art now in treaty with a lawless king, No more of words. Athenians have their choice To treat with Xerxes, or to diffant climes Expand the fail, religning to their fate Unfaithful, timid Grecians, who have loft 420 All claim to fuccour-Yet affume your fwords ! My love for Greece folicits you in tears. Be thou, Paufanias, general of all; We in that noble warfare will refuse No hardship-Ev'n thy arrogant command 425 I like the meanest soldier will abide.

Thea A mnestus brief: O righteous man,
I feel thy wrongs; Laconia's shame I feel,
Which if delay still blackens, thou shalt lead
Me, the due victim of Athenian wrath,
Before those injur'd tribes, by me deceiv'd;
Where my own sword shall sacrifice the blood,
I pledg'd for Sparta's faith. Meantime withdraw;
I was thy guest in Athens, thou be mine.

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#### Book XXII. THE ATHENAID 121 Not till the day-spring Aëmnestus greets 435 His Attic friend : Our citizens are march'd; All night my indefatigable toil Hath urg'd the phalanx on ; the various states Within the ifthmus will obey our call; Now speed with me, o'ertake, inspect our host. 440 They both depart with Cimon. Sparta's camp, Ere Phæbus couches, Aristides gains ; The marshall'd pupils of Lycurgus there He, ever true to equity, applauds, Who their difgraceful floth in council blam'd. Subordination, filent order held Each in his place; in look, as virgins, meek, Sedate they liften'd to their chiefs, as youth To learning's voice in academic schools. Thus in some fertile garden well-manur'd, The regularity of plants and trees Enrich'd with produce, on a stable oot Stands permanent, by skilful care dispos'd At first, and fedulously watch'd. No vaunt Offends the ear, nor fupercilious frown 455 Of confidence the eye. 'Th' Athenian chief Content returns; on Salamis receiv'd, Cecropia's bands he marshals for the field. The ravage still of Attica detain'd

Mardonius. Thorax of Larissa quits

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His isthmian station; rapid in his course To Gobryas' son these tiding he imparts:

The isle of Pelops musters all her pow'rs;
The isthmus swarms; forsake this rocky land
For cavalry unfit; collect thy force
To face the Grecians on Cadmean plains.

Her fleepy fword at last has Sparta rous'd, Replies Mardonius? On Cadmean plains The Persian trump shall found; Cithæron's hill, Asopian banks, shall soon repeat the notes Triumphal. Swift he rushes back to Thebes; Ere Phæbus darted his folftitial heat. As fome hot courfer, who from pasture led Replete with food and courage, spurns the ground In confidence and pride, no fooner meets 475 His wonted rider, than admits the rein; Such was Mardonius, when from Theban gates Masistius thus address'd him: Be inform'd, That Macedonia's fov'reign is arriv'd. With his fair confort. Her to Delphi's walls 480 I guarded, there deliver'd to her lord, Who hath conducted fifty thousand Greeks In arms, auxiliar to thy camp. The queen, Now at a fabric old, to Dirce built, Close by her fountain, and beset with shade, 485 Dwells in retreat, which careful thou avoid. But But tell me, fon of Gobryas, whither flown Was all thy magnanimity, when flames A fecond time laid stately Athens low? Though disappointed, coulds thou deem a crime Her conftancy, refuling to berray 1111 A common cause & Mardonius, thou doft hope To conquer; why a city of renown, Which in her beauty would have grac'd our fway, Haft thou reduc'd to ashes? Oh! reflect, 495 What fires of stern relistance and revenge This act hath lighted in fuch gallant hearts. That pow'r eternal, by the hallow'd name Of Horomazes worshipp'd in our clime, Who earth and feas and firmament controuls, 500 With all therein, looks down not less on Greece. Than Persia, both his creatures. Just and wife, Intemp'rate deeds in either he refents.

Mardonius answer'd: By that pow'r I swear,
Thou to a Grecian almost art transform'd

By intercourse with you religious hill
Of thy admir'd Melissa. Do I blame?
Oh! no; too awful art thou to incur
My censure. O Massitius, I confess
Thy genius purer, more sublime, than mine;
I osten err, thou never—But, dear friend,
I am dejected ever when thou chid'st;

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Yet thee, my chiding monitor, should fate Snatch from Mardonius, he would rife no more.

I only feek to warn thee, not deject,
Rejoins Massistius; turn to other cares;
Greece is in arms; address thee to thy charge.

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THE Heliconian records now unfold,
Calliopè! harmonious thence recite
The names and numbers of the various Greeks,
Who in array on fair Boeotian plains,
With gleams of armour streak the twinkling wave
Of clear Asopus. Troezen known to fame,
Where Pittheus dwelt, whose blood to Athens gave
The hero Theseus, Troezen from her walls
In circuit small, from Hylycus her stream,
From her Scyllean promontory high,
From vine-attir'd Methene, from the isses,
Calauria,

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Calauria, Neptune's feat, and Sphæria dear To Pallas, daughter of almighty Jove,	
Two thousand warriors sends. Cleander pass'd	
The second secon	
Of Ariphilia rifing, vow'd to deck	)
Her future cradle with a victor's wreath	
Of laurel new. Her beauteous image grac'd	
His four-fold buckler. Twice eight hundred youths	
From Æsculapian Epidaurus march'd,	0
From mount Cynortius, and the facred hill,	
Tittheon, where the mother of that god	
Medicinal in fecret left her fruit	
Of stolen enjoyment in Apollo's arms;	
Where in ferenity of smiles was found 2	
The fweet Phoebean child, while lambent flames	,
Play'd round his temples. Clitophon the chief,	
A ferpent green, the fymbol of his god,	
Bore on his filver shield. Four hundred left	
Lepreum, clear Arene, and th' impure	
Anigrian waters, where the centaur, fell	
Polenor, wounded by Herculean shafts,	
Dipp'd in the blood of Hydra, purg'd his limbs	
From putrid gore, envenoming the stream;	
Their leader Conon. Of Mycenæold,	
Of Tiryns, built by fam'd Cyclopian toil,	
Eight hundred shields Polydamas commands.	
Two thousand gallant youths, with standards bless'd	
At Hebe's altar, tutelary pow'r	
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Of Phlius, bold Menander led to war.	40
Himfelf was young; the blooming goddess shone	
Bright on his buckler. Under Lycus brave	Walk in
Hermione, fair city, had enroll'd	
Six hundred spears. The impress on his shield	No.
Was strong Alcides, dragging from the gates	45
Of Dis their latrant guardian triple-mouth'd	
Through an abysis in Hermionean land,	
The fabled wonder of the diffrict shewn.	
Three thousand sail'd from Cephalenia's isle,	
From Acarnanian, and Epirot shores,	50
With various chieftains. Of Arcadian breed	
Orchomenus twelve hundred, Tegea sent	
Three thousand. Chileus, prime in Tegea's car	np,
Was skill'd in arms, and vaunted high the name,	
The rank and prowels of his native state.	55
Ten thousand helms from wealthy Corinth's walls	
Blaze o'er the champaign; these Alcmaon leads	
With Adimantus. Neighb'ring Sicyon arm'd	
Six thousand more; amidst whose splendid files	
Automedon commanded. Lo! in air	60
A mighty banner! from the hollows green	
The wood-crown'd hills in Lacedæmon's rule,	100-17
Taijgetus, and Menelaian ridge,	
From Crocean quarries, from Gytheum's port,	
Therapne, fweet Amyclæ on the banks	(5
Of fam'd Eurotas, from a hundred towns,	67.13
A glitt'ring myriad of Laconians shew	
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Their just arrangement, Aëmnestus there Lists his tall spear, and rises o'er his ranks	
In arduous plumes and stature. So the strength	
And stately foliage of a full-grown oak	70
O'erlooks the undershades, his knotted arms	
Above their tops extending. Mightier still	
Callicrates appears, in marrial deeds	
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Surpassing ev'ry Grecian. He his fate	75
Foresees not; he, capricious fortune's mark,	A
Must fall untimely, and his gen'rous blood	
Unprofitably shed. A firmer band	
Succeeds. Huge Sparta, who for ever fcorn'd	1
Defensive walls and battlements, supplied	80
Five thousand citizens close-mail'd; a train	H4.1
Of fev'n bold Helots exercis'd in arms,	
Attend each warrior; there Paulanias tow'r'd.	
In pride the fon of Atreus he furpass'd	750
Without his virtues, a superior host	85
Commanding. Never Greece fuch heroes fent,	
Nor fuch a pow'r in multitude to war;	
For landed recent on the neighb'ring shore	
Th' Athenian phalanx opens broad in fight	
Their eleutherian banner. They advance	00
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Eight thousand men at arms; an equal force	
In archers, flingers, miffile-weapon'd fons	
Of terror follow. Round her naval flag	
Already four bold myriads from her loins	
Had Attica enroll'd. What chiefs preside!	95

Themistocles, Xanthippus in remote,
But glorious action; Aristides here,
Myronides and Cimon, Clinias, sire
Of Alcibiades, the warrior bard,
Young Pericles, and more than time hath seen 100
Since or before, in arts and arms renown'd.

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The ancient foe of Athens, yet averse Like her to Xerxes, Megara enroll'd Six thousand warriors. From Ægina fail'd A thousand. Twice fix hundred, Phonix-like, 105 Sprung from the ashes of Platza burnt, With Arimnestus march'd, th' intrepid friend Of him, whose deeds Thermopyla resounds, Diomedon. From Thespia, who had shar'd Platæa's doom, two thousand came unarm'd, Unclad, a want by Attic stores supplied. Alcimedon was chief, of kindred blood To Dithyrambus; whom, his early bloom For Greece devoting, on Meliffa's hill The Muses sing and weep. Between the roots 115 Of tall Cithæron, and th' Asopian floods, The army rang'd. The Spartans on the right One wing compos'd; the men of Tegea claim'd The left in prefrence to th' Athenian hoft. Contention role: Paulanias fat the judge, Callicrates and Aëmnestus wife, His two affesfors; thick Laconian ranks

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A circle form; when Chileus thus afferts The claim of Tegea: Spartans, from the time. The early time, that Echemus, our king, 125 In fingle combat on the lifted field O'erthrew the invader Hyllus, and preferv'd Unspoil'd the land of Pelops, we obtain'd to the From all her fons unanimous this poft, Whene'er united in a common cause They march'd to battle. Not with you we fire, Ye men of Sparta, at your choice command In either wing ; the other we reclaim Prom Athens; brave and 'profp'rous we have join'd Our banners oft with yours; our deeds you know; To ours superior what can Athens plead 136 Of recent date, or ancient? for what cause Should we our just prerogative refign? Victorial, a scan back on horse of the west.

Then Aristides spake: Collected here
Are half the Grecians to contend in arms
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With Barbarous invaders, not in words
Each with the other for precedence vain.
From his own volume let the tongue of time,
Not mine, proclaim my countrymen's exploits
In early ages. In his course he views
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The varying sace of nature, sea to land,
Land turn'd to sea, proud cities sink in dust,
The low exalted, men and manners change,
From fathers brave degen'rate sons proceed,
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And virtuous children from ignoble fires.	150
What we are now, you, Grecians, must	decide
At this important crisis. Judges, fix	
On Marathon your thoughts, that recent	
Of prefervation to the public weal,	ConfinichA . 12
Where fifty nations, arm'd to conquer Gr	eere, 155
We unaffifted foil'd, more fresh, the day	gratoral A. 312.
Of Salamis recall. Enough of words;	Simple of the Maria
No more contention for the name of rank	stress data of
The bravest stand the foremost in the fight	
Of gods and mortals. As to you is meet,	
Determine, Spartans; at your will arran	
Th' Athenians; they acknowledge you the	
Of this great league, for gen'ral fafety fran	
Wherever plac'd, obedient they will figh	
The fense of all his countrymen he bree	
Who for the public welfare in this hour	
Their all relinquish, and their very prid	
A victim yield to virtue. From his feat,	
Inspir'd by justice, Admnestus rose;	Section with medical
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Brave as they are, our friends of Teges	
To have forgot the Marathonian field,	
The Salaminian trophies, elfe this strife	
Had ne'er alarm'd the congregated hoft	
Of states so various and remote. As brief	
Callicrates fubjoins: Not less our friends	
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On Marchen roun theatelus, that theen flares

Of Tegea feem forgetful, that their claim
Within the isthmus is confined, the gift
Of part, not binding universal Greece.

Athenian moderation had before

Won ev'ry Spartan; loud they found the name

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Of Athens, Athens, whose pretension just

The general confirms, restoring peace.

So in a chorus full the manly bass

Directs the pow'r of harmony to float

On equal pinions, and attune the air.

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Now Sparta's wide encampment on the right Was form'd; sedate and filent was the toil, As is the concourse of industrious ants, In mute attention to their public cares. Extending thence, fuccessive states erect Their standards. On the left their num'rous tents Th' Athenians pitch. In labour not unlike The buzzing tenants of fonorous hives, Loquacious they and lively cheer the field, Yet regularly heed each fignal giv'n By staid commanders. Underneath a fringe Of wood, projecting from Cithæron's fide, Ascends the chief pavilion. Seated there Is Aristides at a frugal board, An aged menial his attendant fole; 200 But from the tribes felected, round him watch An An hundred youths, whose captain is the fon Of fam'd Miltiades. The neighb'ring bed Of pure Asopus, from Cithæron's founts, Refreshment inexhaustible contain'd. His arms th' Athenian patriot in his tent Was now exploring, when he hears the step Of Aëmnestus ent'ring, who began :

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Most wife of men and righteous, whom all Greece. Not Athens fingly, as her glory claims, 210 Grant me an hour, Laconian laws, thou know'ft, Subordination to excess enjoin. I am obedient to the man, who holds Supreme command by office, rank, and birth, While thee my heart confesses and admits 215 My fole advifer. Haughty and morofe, O'er uncommunicated thoughts will brood Our dark Paufanias; I may often want Thy counsel; now instruct me. Is it meet, We cross th' Asopus to affail the foe, 220 Or wait his coming? Let him come, replies The Attic fage; let bold invaders court A battle, not th' invaded, who must watch Occasion's favour. Present in thy mind Retain, that Greece is center'd in this hoft, 225 Which if we hazard lightly were a crime, Th' offended gods with fetters would chaftise: Manufacture of the Control of the Control

Our Attic flame to sudden onset points, By me discourag'd. Aëmnestus then:

Know, that with me Callicrates unites; Farewell; thy wifdom shall direct us both.

The fun was fet; th' unnumber'd eyes of heav'n Thin clouds envelop'd; dusky was the veil Of night, not fable; placid was the air; The low-ton'd current of Asopus held No other motion than his native flow, Alluring Aristides in a walk Contemplative to pace the stable verge Attir'd in moss. The hoftile camp he views, Which by Mafistian vigilance and art 240 With walls of wood and turrets was fecur'd. For this the groves of Jupiter Supreme On Hypatus were fpoil'd, Teumessian brows, Mesabius, Parnes, were uncover'd all. Square was th' inclosure, ev'ry face emblaz'd With order'd lights. Each elevated tent Of princely fatraps, and, furmounting all, Mardonius, thine, from coronets of lamps Shot luftre, foft'ning on the diffant edge Of wide Platzen fields. A din confus'd Proclaim'd Barbarians; filent was the camp Of Greece. These thoughts the spectacle excites In Aristides: Slender is thy bound, Afopus,

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Afopus, long to feparate fuch hofts, Or keep thy filver wave from blood unflain'd; 255 Lord of Olympus! didft thou want the pow'r, Or, boundless pow'r possessing, want the will Thy own created fystem to fecure From fuch destruction? Wherefore on this plain Is Europe thus, and adverse Asia met 260 For human carnage? Natural this fearth, Yet but a waste of reason. Let me shun Unprofitable wand'rings o'er the land Obscure of trackless mystery; to see The path of virtue open is enough. Whate'er the cause of evil, he, who knows Himself not partner in that cause, attains Enough of knowledge; all the rest is dream Of falfely-ftyl'd philosophy. My task-Is to destroy the enemies of Greece; 270 Be active there, my faculties, and lofe Nor time, nor thought. Revisiting his tent, Sicinus call'd apart he thus instructs:

Return, discreet and faithful, to the son

Of Neocles; thy own observing eye

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Will prompt thy tongue; this notice sole I send.

We will not hurry to a gen'ral fight.

Bless in my name Timothea; bless her sons,

Her daughters; nor, good man, o'erlook my own.

To him Mafistius: I have mark'd a post Accessible and feeble in their line. To me the choicest cavalry commit, 290 I at the hazard of my life will gall, Perhaps may force that quarter. Ah! my friend, Mardonius answer'd, shall thy precious life Be hazarded? let others take the charge, Briareus, Midias, Tiridates brave, 295 Or Mindarus; a thousand leaders bold This hoft affords. Maniftius, in the gloom Of midnight from my pillow I discern'd Thy gracious figure on a fleed of fire; Who bore thee up to heav'n, where sudden folds Of radiant vapour wrapp'd thee from my view. At once throughout th' innumerable tents Their hue was chang'd to black; Boeotia's hills And caves with ejulation from the camp Rebellow'd round; the camels, horses, mules, 305 Diffolv'd in tears. Let Mithra's angry beam Pierce

Pierce this right arm, annihilate my strength, And melt my courage! I will rest content To purchase thus the safety of my friend.

Massitius answer'd: Son of Gobryas, learn, 310
That he, who makes samiliar in his mind
The certainty of death, and nobly dares
In yirtue's clear pursuit, may look serene
On boding dreams, and auguries averse.
No sign, but honour, he requires; he wants
No monitor, but duty. An attempt,
My observation hath maturely weigh'd,
Belongs to me; to others less inform'd
I will not leave the danger. Quick replies
Disturb'd Mardonius, while at friendship's warmth
Ambition melts, and honour fills his breast: 321

O! worthier far than frail Mardonius, take
O'er all the host of Xerxes chief command;
Me from temptation, him from danger guard.

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Again Massistius: Son of Gobryas, peace;

My ear is wounded. Ever dost thou sink

Below the level of thy worth with me,

With others soar'st too high. What means the word

Temptation? what this danger to the king?

O satrap! listed by his grace so high,

Thou hast o'erwhelm'd Massistius. May the God

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Of truth and justice strengthen in thy foul
The light ingenuous, which fo much reveals;
That fense of duty may suppress a thought,
I dare not clothe in language. Still in mind 335
The parting words of Artemisia bear,
Which in its blameless moments oft thy torigue
Repeats with admiration. " Look," fhe faid,
" Look only, where no mystery can lurk,
" On ev'ry manly duty. Nothing dark 340
" O'ershades the track of virtue ; plain her path ;
" But superstition, chosen for a guide,
" Misleads the best and wifest." Let me add,
Worse is the guide ambition, which misleads
To more than error, to atrocious acts.

I shall despair, Massistius, if thou sall'st, Rejoins Mardonius. Must Massistius then Consort with women, shut from noble deeds, Subjoins the virtuous Persian? Can thy hand, Thy friendly hand, now rivetted in mine, Of my degree, and dignity of birth Deprive me, or obliterate the name With all its lustre, which my fathers lest Me to uphold? Or wouldst thou, if impow'r'd, Taint my firm spirit with an eunuch's fear, Among their seeble train my rank confine, My strength unnerve, my fortitude debase? While these substitute with titles, wealth and state,

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While, as I pass, the crouding myriads shout,
Here comes Massistius; what is less required 360
From him, than deeds to manifest a soul,
Which merits such distinction? We again
This day will meet, Mardonius—but as none
Of human texture can the slight foresee
Of that inevitable dart, which soon,
Or late will strike, I leave these words behind.
If, blinded still by superstition's cloud,
Thou wilt believe me in this hour the mark
Of sate, retain them, as my dying words:
Ambition curb; let virtue be thy pride.

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They separated sad; Mardonius still Foreboding evil to his noble friend, He at the frailty of Mardonius griev'd.

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Massistius, soon collecting round his tent
The prime of Persian cavalry, bespake
Their captains thus: Your steeds and arms prepare;
String well your bows, your quivers store with shafts;

With num'rous javelins each his courfer load.

I am this day your gen'ral; I rely
On your known prowefs; and I truft, the hand
Of Horomazes will conduct you back
Victorious; but remember, that the brave
In life, or death, accomplishing their part,

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Are happy. All, rejoicing in a chief Belov'd, his orders fedulous fulfil: 385

From him, that decide to man will a foul In arms, more splendid than for Peleus' son and the Th' immortal artist forg'd, Massitius cas'd His limbs of beauteous frame, and manly grace, To match that hero, whom Scamander faw With Dardan blood imbru'd. In hue of fnow 390 His horse, of all Nisæa's breed the choice, Comparison'd in rubies, champs the gold, Which rules his mouth , his animated mane Floats o'er the bridle, form'd of golden braid.

His page was nigh, that youth of eastern race, Whom for his merit pure Melissa gave 396 To this benignant fatrap, To ascend His gorgeous feat preparing, thus the chief:

Million Consolidation ound his tone If I return a conqueror this day, To that excelling dame who made thee mine, 400 Who hath enlarg'd whate'er of wife and great, Of just and temp'rate I to nature owe, Refin'd my manners, and my pureft thoughts Exalted, I my friendship will prolong In gratitude and rev'rence; bleffing heav'n, 405 Which thus prefers Maniftius to extend Benevolence to virtue. If I fall, Resume with her the happiest lot my care

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Can recommend, Statirus. Though no Greek,
Her pupil, fay, in offices humane
Hath not been tardy; by her light inspir'd,
He went more perfect to a noble grave.

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WHILE thus Massistius for the field prepar'd, At sacrifice amidst the distrent chiefs Pausanias stood, the entrails to consult For heav'n's direction. Like a god rever'd Among the Spartans, was an augur sam'd, Tisamenus. The Pythian had declar'd Him sirst of prophets; he the rites performs; The victim open'd he inspects, and thus In solemn tone: Hear, Grecians, and obey The will of Jove. To pass th' Asopian slood Forbear. With Persian setters in her hand Ill sortune seated on that bank I see, On this the laurel'd sigure of success.

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The augur ceas'd; when fuddenly in view	and W
Th' Asopian current, overswelling, foams	45
With eastern fquadrons, wading through the fords	•
Bounds in the van Massistius on a steed,	
Whose gliff ning hue the brightest of the four	I TOWN
Which drew th' irradiate axle of the morn	1130
Might scarce outshine. Exect the hero fat,	29
Firm as the fon of Danaë by Jove,	73.4.
When his strong pinion'd Pegasus he wheel'd	238.8
Through Æthiopian air from death to guard	a ir
Andromeda his love. In rapid hafte	ATTA
A herald greets Paufanias: From the men	25
Of Megara I come. A post advanc'd,	
The most obnoxious in the Grecian line	
To haraffing affaults, their daily toil.	¥ 760 (30)
With unabating firm ness long has held.	
Unwonted numbers of Barbarian horse	30
Now fweep the field; a reinforcement fend,	
Her standard else will Megara withdraw.	
Paufanjas then, alike to try the Greeks,	
And fave his Spartans, answer'd & Chiefs, you he	ars -
Who will be foremost to fustain our friends?	35
Through fear the dang'rous fervice is declin'd	

Through fear the dang'rous fervice is declin'd By many. Indignation to behold No Spartans offer'd, but the arduous talk Impos'd on others, held Cleander mute:

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The patriot spake, and lest the Greeks amaz'd, Well knowing Athens with abhorrence look'd On Megara, her envious, ranc'rous soe Of ancient date, whom now she slies to aid.

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Meantime that feeblest station of the camp Th' impetuous Afian cavalry furround. As clouds, impregnated with hail, discharge Their stormy burden on a champaign rich In ripen'd grain, and lay the crackling rows Of Ceres proftrate; under sheets of darts, With arrows barb'd and javelins, thus whole ranks Of Megara, by wounds or death o'erthrown. Gasp on the ground. Alcathous expires, The blood of Nisus, Megarensian prince In times remote, and fabled to have held His fate dependent on a purple hair Amidst his hoary locks. That vital thread His impious daughter fever'd, blind with love For Minos, Cretan king, her father's foe. Massistius pierc'd him; javelins from his arm Incessant flew; on heaps of nameless dead He laid Evenus, Lyficles, the youth Of Cyparissus, and Cratander's age, Diftinguish'd each by office, wealth, or birth,

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Or martial actions. Beafts of chace and prey,
The wolf and boar, the lion and the stag,
Within close toils imprison'd, thus become
The hunter's mark. The fignal of retreat
Is now uplifted by the hopeless chiefs; 70
When, as a friendly gale with stiff ning wings
Repels a veffel, driving by the force
Of boilt'rous currents in a fatal track
To bulge on rocks, a voluntary band
Of men at arms, and bowmen, Attic all,
Restrain the flight of Megara. Expert
Their shafts they level at the Persian steeds,
Not at the riders. Soon around the plain
Th' ungovern'd animals difperfe, enrag'd
By galling wounds. Olympiodorus, chief 80
Among the light auxiliars, on the lifts
Of Pifa just Hellanodics had crown'd,
The first of Greeks in archery. He stands
Like Telamonian Tencer on the mound
Of Atreus' fon, where fate's unerring hand 85
Had strung the bow which heap'd with Phrygian dead
Th' empurpled fosse, while Ajax swung abroad
The fev'n-fold shield to guard a brother's skill.
Still in the field Masistius, who observed
The active archer, from his lofty feat
Against him whirls a javelin. Cimon near
Receives the blunted weapon on the boss Vol. II. H Of

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The feat of pureft fentiment and thought. His frame, in ruin beauteous still and great, The fatal stroke laid low. An earthquake thus Shook from his base that wonder of the world, The Coloffean deity of Rhodes.

Of danger all unheeding, by his lord Statirus kneel'd, and o'er his bosom spread His palms in anguish. Timely to protect The gentle youth ingenuous Cimon came, While thus the gasping satrap breath'd his last :

Farewell, thou faithful-Bid Mardonius think How brief are life's enjoyments-Virtue lives Through all eternity-By virtue earn'd, Praise too is long-Melissa-grant me thine.

allos facilities sin days In death, refembling fweetest sleep, his eyes Serenely drop their curtains, and the foul Flies to th' eternal manfions of the just. Within the trenches Cimon straight commands To lodge the corfe; when lo! another cloud Of Eastern Iquadrons, Mindarus their chief, Who, o'er the stream detach'd with numbers new, Not finding great Massistius, rous'd afresh The storm of onset. Dreadful was the shock Of these, attempting to redeem, of those, Who held the body; but the Attic spears

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Break in the chefts of fiery fleeds, which press With violence unyielding, and the ranks In front difarm. The archers have discharg'd Their quivers. Now had Mindarus acquir'd Undying glory, and the Greeks refign'd The long-contested prize, when threat'ning shouts, Of diffrent Grecians, pouring from the camp, Alarm the eaftern chief. Cleander here With all Trozzene. Arimnestus there. Diomedon's bold fuccessor in arms. With his Platzans, and the Thespian brave, Alcimedon, affail the Persian flanks. So two hoarfe torrents opposite descend From hills, where recent thunder forms have burft; In the mid-vale the dashing waters meet To overwhelm the peafant's hopes and toil. Myronides and Æschylus in fight, Each with his formidable phalanx moves ; Th' encampment whole is arming. From the fight His mangled cavalry the Persian calls. 165 In eager quest of refuge in their lines Beyond Asopus, through surrounding foes The courfers vault like fwimmers, who forfake A found'ring vessel, and with buoyant strength Bound through the furge for fafety on the beach.

Triumphant in their camp the Greeks replace 171
Their standards; thither Cimon's gen'rous care
Transports

Transports Massistius. Eager to behold A prize fo noble, curious throngs on throngs Press in disorder; each his station leaves; Confusion reigns. The gen'ral host to arms Pausanias sternly vigilant commands, And next provides a chariot to difplay, Throughout th' extensive lines, th' illustrious dead, In magnitude and beauty late the pride Of nature's study'd workmanship. His limbs The hand of Cimon tenderly compos'd, As would a brother to a brother's corfe. Massitius fill'd the chariot; on his knees Starirus held, and water'd with his tears The face majestic, not by death deform'd, Pale, but with features mild, which still retain'd Attractive sweetness to endear the fight.

First on the right through Lacedæmon's range
The spectacle is carried; silence there
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Prevails; the Spartan citizen no sign
Of triumph shews, subordinate to law,
Which disciplin'd his passions. Tow'rds the lest,
Through exultation loud of other Greeks,
The awful car at length to Attic ranks
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Brings their own prize, by Aristides met;
There silence too, in rev'rence of their chief,
Is universal. He prepares o speak;
But sirst the mighty reliques he surveys.

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He feels like Jove, contemplating the pure,
The gen'rous, brave Sarpedon, as he lay
In death's cold arms, when swift th' almighty sire
Decreed that Morpheus, gentlest of the gods,
Should wast to Lycia's realm the royal clay,
From pious friends and subjects to obtain
The rites of splendid sepulture. Complete
Was now the solemn pause; to list ning ears
Thus Aristides vents his godlike soul;

Here close your triumph, Grecians, nor provoke The jealous pow'rs who mark for chofen wrath O'er-weening pride. Though auguring fuccess From this great fatrap's fall, revere his clay; Such rev'rence all of mortal mold will need, All foon, or late. If comeliness and strength, If gracious manners, and a mind humane, 215 If worth and wifdom could avoid the grave, You had not feen this tow'r of Asia fall. Yet there is left attainable by map, What may furvive the grave; it is the fame Of gen'rous actions; this do you attain. I in Pfittalia's ifle this Perfian knew Brave Medon's prize; his captive hands we freed; To him our hospitable faith we pledg'd, Through whom Phoebean Timon was redeem'd, With Haliarrus, on Eubœa's fields To fignalize their fwords. On Octa's hill In

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In him the daughter of Oileus found
A spotless guardian. Let his corse and arms,
Thy acquisition, Cimon, be resign'd
To piety; a herald shall attend
Thy steps; remove him to his native friends.
Let Xerxes hear, let sierce Mardonius see,
How much Barbarians differ from the Greeks.

Minerva's tribes, approving, hear the words Of clemency and pity. Cimon mounts The fun'ral car , attentive and compos'd Like Maia's fon, commission'd from the skies By his eternal fire, the warrior hears The full infructions of his patron chief, Th' Asopian stream he fords to Asia's tents. Whence issue wailing multitudes, who rend The air with ejulation, while the wheels Before Mardonius stop their folemn roll. He rives his mantle, and defiles with dust His splendid head. Not more the destin'd king Of Judah mourn'd the virtuous heir of Saul, Mow'd down in battle by Philiftian strength On Gilboa's heights; nor melted more in grief O'er Absalom's fair locks, too much endear'd To blind parental fondness. From the car Descending, Cimon spake: Lot Persian chief, The just Athenian, Aristides, sends These reliques, which he honours, to partake Of fepulture, as eastern fites ordain.

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Thou doft not, Persian, lib'ral as thou art,

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Mean to offend; thy presents then with-hold.

In poverty more glorious, than in wealth
The wealthiest, Aristides frowns at gold.

No costly vestures decorate his frame,

Itself divine; the very arms he wears,
The sole possession of that spotless man,
All ornament reject; he only boasts
The sharpest sword, the weightiest spear and shield.

Ha! must I pass unthankful in the sight 290 of one, Massistius lov'd, the chief reply'd?

No, answer'd quick th' Athenian; from his cross
Take down Leonidas. A stedfast look
Mardonius six'd on Cimon: That request,
O Greek! is big with danger to my head,
Which I will hazard, since the only price
Set on the precious reliques thou restor'st.

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This faid, he orders to his tent the corse;
There on the clay-cold boson of his friend
Thus plaintive hangs; Fall'n pillar of my hopes,
What is Mardonius; wanting thy support!
Thou arm of strength, for ever are unbrac'd
Thy nerves! Enlighten'd mind, where prudence dwelt,
Heart purify'd by honour, you have lest
Mardonius helples; lest him to himself,
To his own passions, which thy counsel tam'd!

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The dang'rous paths of error I shall tread
Without thy guidance! Shame, defeat and death,
Frown in thy wounds ill-boding—yet thy look
Not sate itself of gentleness deprives.

By heaven a world shall mourn thee—Loud he calls;
Which Mindarus obeys. To him the chief:

Thou too didft love Massisius—Fly, proclaim
A gen'ral lamentation through the camp;
Let all Bootia sound Massisius lost.

O verify'd too clearly, boding dream
Of mine, by him so fatally despis'd t
See ev'ry head dismantled of its hair,
The soldiers, women, eunuchs; of his mane
See ev'ry steed, the mule and camel shorn.

O that the echo of our grief might pass
The Hellespont to Asia t that her loss
Through all her cities, through her vales, and streams,
Beyond the banks of Ganges might be told t

As Mindarus departs, the Theban chief. 325
Approaches, Leontiades, who spake:

If there be one, O gen'ral, can replace

Manifeius wife, that prodigy is found,

Elean Hegenstratus, of feers

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Of birds foresee the dark events of time; Invet'rate soe to Sparta, fore with wrongs, He comes thy servant. Opportune he comes, Replies Mardonius, In the rites of Greece	335
Ten hecarombs, before the fun descends, Shall to Massistius bleed an offring high. I will engage this augur at a price	
Beyond his wishes; let his skill decide,	
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Where that pure fountain trills a mournful note.  There shall Massissius in his name survive  Among the Greeks; his last remains, embalm'd,  Among his fathers shall in Susa rest.	Herei Markin
The Theban goes. Statirus next appears; Th' afflicted hero greets the weeping youth:	
Ah! poor Statirus! thou hast lest thy lord, I lest my friend, her bulwark Asia lost. The sacred clay to Artamanes bear, Lest in Trachinas chief; His pieus love	350
(Who did not love Mantins) will convey To distant Seltos his embalm'd remains, Thence o'er the narrow Hellespont, to reach His native Asia, and his father's tomb. How did he fall, Statirus? Did he fend To me no counsel from his dying lips?	355
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These, in a figh the faithful page began,
Were his last accents : " Let Mardonius think
' How brief are life's enjoyments. Virtue lives 361
Through all eternity. By virtue earn'd
Praise too is long-Melissa, grant me thine."
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Commend me to Meliffa, flarting, spake The fon of Gobryas. From the shameful cross Bid Artamanes in her presence free 366 Leonidas the Spartan. Now perform Another act of duty to thy lord; Despoil my head of all its curling pride; Slight facrifice to grief-but ev'ry limb, 370 Lopt from this body, and its mangled flesh Shall in the dust be scatter'd, ere I quit My chace of great revenge. Concluding here, He strides impetuous like a stately ram, Lord of the flock new fhorn. His giant guard Inclose him round; th' innumerable host Attend him, all divested of their hair, In howling anguish to an altar huge, By hafty hands conftructed. Deep the earth Around is hollow'd, deep is drench'd with blood. Ten hundred fable victims heap the ground. 381

Now gen'ral filence reigns, as o'er the main
In winter, when Halcyone laments
Her Ceyx loft, and Æolus, her fire;

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Book XXIV. THE ATHENAID. 157 By pity foften'd, all the air is calm, 385 While she sits brooding on her watry nest. Amidft a cloud of frankincense the priest Of Elis, Hegelistratus, performs The rites of divination; awful thus At length unfolds the mysteries of time : 390 When the the state of the state Hear, all ye nations; great Mardonius, hear; Th' Asopian channel is the line of fate; The hoft, which passes, falls; success will crown Th' affail'd; th' affailant is to flaughter doom'd. The opposite which are gireft would loaning The multitude, discourag'd by the death 395 Of their belov'd Mafiftius, hear in joy; Not fo Mardonius at revenge delay'd. Inaction aggravates his pain; his tent Receives him. Solitary there, like night Within her cavern, thus he feeds his grief. To moderate this top; promised the proxim " Ambition curb; let virtue be thy pride," So spake Masistius, when we parted last To meet no more—I feel ambition cold, Benumb'd by forrow-" Let Mardonius think, "How brief are life's enjoyments;" fo thy fate, 7 405 Dear friend, evinces-Life itself is short; Its joys are shorter; yet the scanty span Advertity can lengthen, till we loathe. If, on the brilliant throne of Xerxes plac'd,

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I held the orient and Hesperian worlds My vaffals, could the millions in my holt Compel the adamantine gate of death To render back my friend ? O torturd heart! Which burn'ft with friendship, of thy gen'rous flame Th' inestimable object is no more. What then is greatness? What th' imperial robe, The diadem and feepter? Could you filk The diaftem and fcepter? The void, his endless absence hath produc'd In my fad bosom? Were ye mine how vain: The acquifition, which my grief would loathe, And, wak'd by grief, let honour timely flun, Lest from his grave Massitius should arise To shake my pillow with his nightly curse. Not hecatombs on hecatombsiof bulls Heap'd on his manes, not the votive hair, 425 Nor fun'ral moan of nations could avail To moderate his ire; nor all the pow'r Of empires join'd to empires guard my fleep.

At length he finks in flumber, not composed,
But wanders reftless through the wild of dreams. 430

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ERE thus each augur in the diffrent camps.
Unmann'd the foldier by religious dread,
Eubœa's coast Sicinus had regain'd.
That peopled island's force of ships and arms.
Themistocles had muster'd. Oreus held
The ready chief, expecting weighty news.
From Aristides, which Sicinus swift
Imparts. To him Themistocles: My friend,
I ask no more; the assembled host of Greece
Hath fix'd Mardonius on th' Asopian verge;

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A hasty conslict Aristides shuns;
Then shall the blow, I meditate, be struck,
Ere thy reverted passage can transmit
To him my greetings Stay and see my oars
For infamous Thessalia dash the waves
Her Aleuadian race of tyrants soul,
Friends to Barbarians, traitors to the Greeks,
Shall seel my scourge. Her plenty I will bar
Against Mardonius; samine shall invade
His tents, and sorce him to unequal sight.

He gives command; the fignal is uprear'd For embarkation. All Eubœa pours Her fons aboard, and loads the groaning decks. From his Cleara Hyacinthus parts. Brave Haliartus from his new-espous'd 25 Acanthè. Lo.! each female feeks the beach, Spectatress eager of th' alluring man, Whose artful eye could summon ev'ry grace To fascinate both sexes, and his wiles Arm with enchantment, Beauteous and august 30 Like Cybelè, prime goddess, 'turret-crown'd, Source of th' ethereal race, his confort lifes Above the rest her countenance sublime. By her own offspring, and the pledges dear Of Aristides, which her hand receiv'd At Salamis, and cherish'd like her own, She stands encircled, her embarking lord Accosting while it

The parting chief. This union is thy work : Thine be the praise from thankful Greece preferv'd.

He faid, and lightly to his veffel pass'd 1. 50 While ev'ry fail was op'ning to the wind, Kild of the Edward Line out of the

Eubæa, where she fronts the Malian shore, Beneath a promontory's quiet lee Protects the fleet benighted. Here the fon Of Neocles aboard his galley calls His pupil Hyacinthus, whom he thus Instructs: Young hero, fince Cleora's love Could not detain thee from the lifts of fame, Fame thou shalt win. Thestalia's nearest bounds I from Spercheos in Trachiniz's bay 60 Mean to invade. Nicanor and thyfelf With your Carystian force, Nearchus brave

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With his Chalcidians, must a distant course To Potidæa take, whose valiant race The winter fiege of great Mafiftius foil'd. Forewarn'd by due intelligence from me, They will augment your numbers. Through the mouth Of fam'd Enipeus Potidzan zeal Will guide your helms to rich Lariffa's walls, Thessalia's helpless capital, whose youth 70 Attend Mardonius, Land, and burn th' abode Of Aleuadian Thorax, who conducts The foe through Greece. O'er all the region spread; Where'er thou feeft an Aleuadian roof, The residence of traitors hurl to earth: 75 The flocks and herds from ev'ry pasture sweep, From ev'ry flore th' accumulated grain, Support of Asia's myriads. Of recall Thy late achievements on the bloody fields Of Chalcis, and of Oreus. They, who brav'd Thy native coast, of Demonax the friends, Now in their own Theffalia lie thy fpoil; On their wide ruins build thee trophies new.

Commission'd thus, the animated youth With each Carystian, each Chalcidic prow, By morning sails. Three days the Artic chief, Skreen'd in a harbour nigh Censeum's point, Rests on his anchors. So, by thickers hid In fell Hyrcania, nurse of rav'nous broads,

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The tiger lurks, and meditates unfeen A fudden fally on his heedless prey.

The fourth gay dawn with freshining breezes curls The Malian waters. In Barbaric flags The wily chief apparelling his masts Fallacious, ere the horizontal fun Couch'd on the ocean, fills with hoffile prows The wide Sperchean mouth. Along the vales Innumerable carriages display The plenty huge for Asia's camp amass'd. Th' encircling mountains all their echoes blend 100 In one continu'd found with bleating flocks, With bellowing herds, and diffonant uproar Of their conductors; whom Thessalia sent, Whom all the extent of Thracia, and the realm Of Amarantha's lord, Th' affrighted hinds 4 105 Defert their charge. Trachinia's neighb'ring gates With fugitives are throng'd. Lo! Cleon plants His bold Eretrian banners on the ftrand; The Styrians form; Eudemus bounds ashore, Geræstians follow; then auxiliars new, The subjects late of Demonax; the troops Of Locrian Medon, Delphian Timon land, Themistocles the last; whose chosen guard Of fifty Attic, fifty Spartan youths, Still fedulous and faithful close the rear.

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They reach'd in order'd march Trachinian walls. Whose gates unclos'd. Majestical advanc'd A form rever'd by univerfal Greece, Prais'd by each tongue, by ev'ry eye admir'd. The Oilean priestess of th' immortal Nine, The goddess-like Melista. Medon swift, With Haliartus, met her facred step. Her name divalg'd from ev'ry station call'd The gazing chiefs, Themistocles the first; Whom, by her brother pointed out to view, She thus addreß'd: Themistocles, give ear, And thou, O Medon, whom, a stranger long To my defiring eyes, they fee reftor'd. Well may you wonder, that a hoffile fort Melissa's hand delivers to your pow'r. There is a Persian worthy to be rank'd Among the first of Grecians. Just, humane, Thy captive, Medon, amply hath discharg'd His price of ranfom. Nine revolving moons Beheld Massisius guardian of my hill In purity of revrence to my fane, My person, my dependents. I forfook At Amarantha's fuit my old abode; A virtuous princess from a fickly couch My care hath rais'd, Sandauce, in those walls Long relident with me. Two days are past Since Artamanes, governing these tracts, Heard of a navy on Thessalia's coast, And

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And with his force, though slender, took the field	1::
To guard Lariffa. Your descent unmans	
The few remaining Persians in the fort;	
All with Sandauce and her children flew	andra of
To my protection; mercy to obtain the true in	ad swall-
Became my charge; her terrors will disperse,	My bolo
Soon as she knows, Themistocles is nigh.	150
Dark game of gasheld	
The army halts. Trachiniz's gates admit	bron sail
Cecropia's hero, Medon, and the fon	il square A
Of Lygdamis. Sandauce they approach,	
Sandauce late in convalescent charms	Server
Fresh, as a May-blown rose, by pallid sear	155
Now languid, as a lily beat with rain,	
Till she discovers with transported looks	$q_{22,2}Y_{i}$
Her Salaminian guardian; then the warmth	
Of gratitude, redoubling all her bloom,	
Before him throws her proftrate. To him ran	
The recollecting children, who embrace	ele ni bo'l
Their benefactor's knees. She thus unfolds	ot grann A
Her lips, whose runeful exclamation charms:	
O, my protector—Interpoling Twift,	de chie di
His ready hand uplifts her from the ground.	166
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Do not difgrace me, thou excelling fair,	miniman d
He faid ; to leave fuch beauty thus depress'd	or and and
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Hash humbled thus Sandauce. No, the weight

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Of obligation past, my rescu'd babes

In Salamis, myself from horror sav'd,

Have bent my thankful knee. No fears debase

My bosom now; Themsstocles I see,

In him a known preferrer. Melting by,

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Melissa, Medon, Haliartus, shed

The tend'rest dews of sympathy. In look

Compassionate, but calm, the chief resoins:

Suggest thy wishes, princes, and command.

My full compliance. She these accents lighs:

Ye gen'rous men, what pity is not due To eastern women's Prize, ye Grecian dames, Your envy'd state. When your intrepid fords In arms contend with danger on the plain, You in domestic peace are lest behind 185 Among your letter'd progeny, to form Their ductile minds, and exercise your kill In arts of elegance and use. Alas I Our wretched race, in ignorance and floth By Asia nurturd, like a captive train, 190 In wheeling dungeons with our infants clos'd, Must wait th' event of some tremendous hour, Which, unprepitious, leaves us on the field A spoil of war. What myriads of my fex From From Greece to diftant Hellespont bestrew The ways, and whiten with their bleaching bones The Thracian wilds! Spercheos views the tomb Of Ariana, haples fifter, laid bee and about the In foreign mold! My portion of diffres . A You know, benignant guardians, who affung'd 200 My fuff'rings. Then to quit the direful fcene, Revifiting my native foil to velt Among my children, and instruct their youth Askind Meliffa hath instructed mine, Were fure no wish immoderate or vague, 205 But Artamanes—Blushing, trembling, here She paus'd. Meliffa takes the fword: Sweet friend, Let vice, not virtue blush, Cecropian chief, Her foft attention well that youth deferves, She all his constancy and care. Their hands Are pledg'd; th' affent of Afia's king alone Is wanting, which Mardonius hath affur'd To Artamanes, flow'r of Afra's peers. Him, with unequal force, to battle march'd Against thy ranks, which never have been foil'd, She knows, and trembles. Artfully repties Themistocles: Sandauce may prevent This danger. Let her medenger convey A kind injunction, that the noble youth, Whose merit I have treasur'd in my breast, May sheath his fruitless weapons, and, return'd

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To her, aboard my well-appointed keel With her embarking, feek their native foil. this wilder Specifical risks as to

The princess hears, and joyfully provides A messenger of trust. Assembling now 225 His captains, thus Themistocles ordains: I her to cult the distuiteme, Caperi hal ...

Friends of Eubœa, foon as Phæbus dawns Your progress bend to Larissean tow'rs Your chief is Cleon. Hyacinthus join To your united force the foe must yield with an 2210 Save Artamanes; bring him captive back, and the But not with less humanity than care. I will be a supply than care. Accomplish'd Medon, Haliartus, vers'd In Oeta's neighb'ring wilds, your Locrians plant Among the paffer; once feeur'd, they leave Us at our leifure to contrive and act. Thee, honour'd feer of Delphi, at my fide In this Trachinian station I retain. I well some the strength force, to baitle ingred

By opining day each leader on his charge Themistocles inspects the vale, Proceeds. Constrains the peasants from unnumber'd cars Aboard his fleet to lade the golden grain.

Before Thermopylæ the Locrian files Appear. From Oeta's topmast peak, behold, O'er. Medon's head a vulture wings his flight,

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Whom to a cross beside the public way Th' Oilean hero's curious eye purfues.

Oh! ftay thy rav'nous beak, in anguish loud Cries Haliartus, Shudder while thou hear'st, Son of Oileus; on that hideous pile The bones of great Leonidas are hung.

Then Medon's cool, delib'rate mind was shook By agitation to his nature strange. His spear and buckler to the ground he hurl'd; Before th' illustrious ruins on his knee He funk, and thus in agony exclaim'd:

Should this flagitious profanation pass Unpunish'd still, th' existence of the gods Were but a dream. O, long-enduring Jove! Thy own Herculean offspring canst thou fee Defac'd by vultures, and the parching wind, Yet wield refiftless thunder-But thy ways Are awfully mysterious; to arraign Thy heaviest doom is blasphemy. Thy will For me referv'd the merit to redeem These precious reliques, penitent I own My rashness; thankful I accept the task.

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O mighty spirit! who didst late inform With ev'ry virtue that disfigur'd frame, Vor. II.

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With ev'ry kind affection prov'd by me,
The last distinguish'd object of thy care,
When it forbad me to partake thy sate,
The life, thy friendship sav'd, I here devote
To vindicate thy manes. Not the wrongs
Of gen'ral Greece, not Locris giv'n to slames,
Not the subversion of my father's house,
E'er with such keen resentment stung my heart,
As this indignity to thee. He said,
And, with the aid of Haliartus, free'd
The sacred bones; Leonteus, and the prime
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Of Locris, frame with substituted shields
Th' extemporaneous bier. Again the chief:

Leonteus, Haliartus, rest behind;
Achieve th' important service, which the son
Of Neocles enjoins. The pious charge 285
Be mine of rend'ring to Melissa's care
The honour'd reliques. Now in measur'd pace
The warlike bearers tread; their manly breasts
Not long withhold the tribute of their sighs
Ingenuous; tears accompany their steps. 290
His sister in Trachinia Medon soon
Approaches; glad she hears him, and replies.

Hail! brother, hail! thou chosen by the gods From longer shame to rescue these remains, Which once contain'd whate'er is good and great

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Among the fons of men. Majestic shade! By unrelenting laws of Dis forbid To enter, where thy ancestors reside : Who, feed of Jove, to their Elysian joys Expect thee, most illustrious of the race. Amidst thy wand'rings on the banks of Styx, Doft thou recall Meliffa's dirge of praife O'er thee, preparing by a glorious death To fave thy country? O! unbury'd still, Did not Meliffa promife to thy dust 305 Peace in her temple? An atrocious king Hath barr'd awhile th' accomplishment; thy friend, Thy foldier, now will ratify my word. Soon to Lycurgus shall thy spirit pass, To Orpheus, Homer, and th' Ascræan sage, 310 Who shall contend to praise thee in their bow'rs Of amaranth and myrtle, ever young Like thy renown. In Octa's fane these bones, Dear to the Muses, shall repose, till Greece, Amid her future triumphs, hath decreed A tomb and temple to her faviour's fame.

This high oblation of pathetic praise,
Paid by her holy friend, Sandauce notes
Attentive; seldom from Melissa's eye
Was she remote. Her ennuchs she deputes
To bring a coffer large of od'rous wood
Inlaid with pearl, repository due

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To fuch divine remains. In time appears Th' Athenian gen'ral to applaud the deed, While thus the mighty manes he invokes:

Hear, thou preferver of thy country, hear! Lo! in his palms of Salamis the fon Of Neocles falutes thee. From a hand. Which hath already half aveng'd thy death, Accept of decent rites. Thy virtue fav'd A nation; they hereafter shall complete Thy fun'ral honours, and furround thy tomb With trophies equal to thy deathless name.

He ceas'd. Her mantle on the folemn scene Night from her car in dulky folds outfpread.

Anon Sperch can banks Three mornings pass. Re-echo shouts of triumph, while the vales Are clad in arms. Lo! Cleon is return'd, Uplifting bloodless ensigns of success, And thus accosts Themistocles, Thy prize, This Persian lord receive; our hasty march O'ertook his rear. From Larissean tow'rs, A recent conquest, Hyacinthus, join'd By Potideans, and Olynthian spears, Was then in fight. The herald I detach'd With fair Sandaueè's melfage, and thy terms Of peace and fafety; Aztamanes found

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#### Book XXV. THE ATHENAID Refistance vain, and yielded. From the van Now stepp'd the Persian graceful, and bespake Themistocles: Accept a second time Thy captive, gen'rous Grecian; nor impute To want of prowels, or to fund excels Of acquiescence to Sandauce's will. To have stain'd My unreferv'd furrender. By fruitless contest thy triumphant wreaths With blood, and fourn'd the bounty of thy hand, Had prov'd ingratitude in me. These words Cecropia's chief return'd: Receive my hand, Thy pledge of freedom here not lefs fecure. Than heretofore at Salamis, thy pledge 360 Of blifs yet more endearing. Soon my keel Shall place thee happy on thy native coaft, Thee and thy princels; that in future days You may at least of all the Asian breed Report my kindness, and forget my sword. 365 Amidft his words a fost complaining trill Of Philomela interrupts their found. The youthful fatrap then : That penfive bird, Sandauce's warbling fummoner, is wont In evening shade on Ariana's tomb To fit and fing; my princess there devotes In melancholy folitude this hour To meditation, which dissolves in tears. Then

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Then greet her, said th' Athenian; thy return
Will sooth her tender breast. My promise add, 375
That on the first sair whisper of the winds,
She shall revisit her maternal soil.

This faid, they parted. At her fifter's grave. The fatrap join'd his princess. He began:

I have obey'd thy fummons. No difgrace 380 Was my furrender to the conqu'ring fword, Which Persia long hath felt. Thy servant comes No more a captive, but to thee by choice; Themistocles all bounteous and humane. As heretofore, I find. Forbear to check 385 That rising birth of smiles: in perfect light Those half-illuminated eyes attire; Enough the tribute of their tears hath lav'd These precious tombs. Prepare thee to embark; Themistocles hath promis'd thou shalt leave A land, whose foaring genius hath depress'd The languid plumes of Asia. Lift thy head In pleasing hope to clasp thy mother's knees, To change thy weeds of mourning, and receive A royal brother's gift, this faithful hand. 395

Nigh Ariana's clay Autarctus slept.

Divine Sandauce on her husband's tomb,

With marble pomp constructed by the care

Of Artamanes, fix'd a pensive look

In silence. Sudden from the cluster'd shrubs,

O'erhanging

O'erhanging round it, tuneful all and blithe
A flight of feather'd warblers, which abound
Through each Theffalian vale, in carrol fweet
Perch on the awful monument. The fun
Streaks with a parting, but unfully'd ray
Their lively change of plumage, and each rill
Is foften'd by their melody. Accept,
Accept this omen, Artamanes cries;
Autarctus favours, Horomazes smiles,
Whose choir of songsters not unprompted seem
Our nuptial hymn preluding. She replies:
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I want no omen to confirm thy truth.

Dust of my sister, of my lord, farewell;

Secure in Grecian piety remain.

Still in his offspring will Sandauce love 415

That husband, thou, my Artamanes, still

Revere that friend. She said, and dropp'd her hand,

Pres'd by the youth. With purity their guide,

They o'er the mead Sperch an slowly seek

Trachinian portals. Phæbe on their heads 420

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### Book XXVI. THE ATHENAID. 177 Th' Olynthians, and Nearchus, who conducts The youth of Chalcis, reinforce the camp With their victorious ranks. Th' appointed day Was then arriv'd. A broad conftructed pyre Tow'rs in the centre of Trachinia's plain; The diffrent standards of the Grecian host Are planted round. The Attic chief convenes The fifty Spartans of his guard, and thus: Themistocles, distinguish'd by your state. By your affiduous courage long fustain'd, Will now repay these benefits. Your king, Leonidas, the brightest star of Greece, No more shall wander in the gloom of Styx; But that last passage to immortal feats Through me obtain. Greek inftitutes require The nearest kindred on the fun'ral stage The dead to lay, the victims to dispose, To pour libations, and the facred dust Inurn. Alone of these assembled Greeks 30 Are you the hero's countrymen ; alone Your hands the pious office shall discharge. Th' obedient Spartans from Trachiniæ's gates Produce to view the venerable bones

Herculean. Lifted up the structure high Of pines and cedars, on the surface large All, which of great Leonidas remains,

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By fedulous devotion is compos'd. The various captains follow, fome in gaze Of wonder, others weeping. Last appears Meliffa, trailing her pontific pall (Calliope in femblance) with her troop Of fnowy-vefted nymphs from Oeta's hill, With all her vaffals, decently arrang'd By Mycon's care. Two hecatombs are flain. Of sheep five hundred, and libations pour'd Of richest wine. A Spartan now applies The ruddy firebrand. In his prieftly robe Phœbean Timon supplicates a breeze From Æolus to raise the creeping flame. 50 Thrice round the crackling heaps the filent hoft, With shields revers'd, and spears inclining low. Their folemn movement wind. The shrinking pyre Now glows in embers; fresh libations damp The heat. A vafe of filver high-embofs'd, 55 By Hyacinthus from Larissa brought, Spoil of th' abode which treach'rous Thorax held, Receives the facred ashes, and is plac'd Before Meliffa. So the godlike fon Of Neocles directs. An awful fign 60 From her commands attention; thus she spake:

Thou art not dead, Leonidas; thy mind In ev'ry Grecian lives. Thy mortal part, Transform'd to ashes, shall on Oeta's hill

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Among the celebrating Muses dwell	65
In glory; while through animated Greece	
Thy virtue's inextinguishable fires	
Propitious beam, and, like the flames of Jove,	
Intimidate her foes. Not wine, nor oil,	
Nor blood of hecatombs, profufely spilt,	70
Can to thy manes pay the tribute due;	
The maffacre of nations, all the spoil	
Of humbled Asia, Destiny hath mark'd	
For confecration of thy future tomb.	
Two ministers my foul prophetic sees,	75
Themistocles and Aristides stand	product.
Prefiding o'er the facrifice. The earth,	
The fea, shall witness to the mighty rites.	
Ceafe to regret the transacry doom	
Of thy remains infulted, no difgrace	. 80
To thee, but Xerxes. Pass, exalted shade,	
The bounds of Dis, nor longer wail thy term	
Of wand'ring now elaps'd; all meafur'd time:	
Is nothing to eternity. Affume.	
Among the blefs'd thy everlafting feat.	85
Th' indignity, thy earthly frame endur'd,	
Perhaps the gods permitted in their love	
To fill the measure of celestial wrath	
Against thy country's foes; then rest in peace,	71
Thou twice illustrious victim to her weal.	. 90
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Thy late protector, cold in death's embrace, Survey, thou holy paragon; his fall Asopus saw. Before the hero climb'd His satal steed, to me this charge he gave:

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<sup>&</sup>quot;If I return a conqueror this day,
"To that excelling dame who made thee mine,

"Who hath enlarg'd whate'er of wife and great,	\$1.00 m
"Of just and temp'rate I to nature owe,	11.4
"Refin'd my manners, and my purest thoughts	r
"Exalted, I my friendship will prolong	120
"In gratitude and rev'rence; bleffing heav'n,	20043
"Which thus prefers Maniftius to extend	17 17
"Benevolence to virtue. If I fall,	
"Resume with her the happiest lot my care	
"Can recommend, Statirus. Though no Greek,	
"Her pupil, say, in offices humane	126
"Hath not been tardy; by her light infpir'd,	
"He went more perfect to a noble grave."	
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Cast from his wounded courser, he, o'erpow'r'd

By numbers, died. The body was restor'd

By Aristides, of unrivall'd same

Among the just and gen'rous. O'er the dead

Mardonius rent his vesture, and his hair,

Then thus ordain'd: "This precious clay embalm'd

"To Artamanes bear, whose pious zeal

"A friend's remains to Sestus will convey,

"Thence o'er the narrow Hellespont to reach

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I then repeated what my virtuous lord,

Expiring, utter'd; "Let Mardonius think 140
"How brief are life's enjoyments. Virtue lives
"Through

"His narive Afia, and his father's tomb."

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" Commend me to Meliffa, flarting, fpake	
"The fon of Gobryas. From the shameful cross	
"Bid Artamanes in her presence free	146
" Leonidas the Spartan." All my charge	
Is now accomplish'd faithfully to all,	

Not far was Artamanes. From the train Of Persians Arode a giant stern in look, 150 Who thus address'd the satrap: Prince, behold Briareus; hither by Mardonius fent, Guard of this noble body, I appear A witness too of thy difgrace; I fee These Greeks thy victors. Is th' Athenian chief Among the band? Themistocles advanc'd; 156 To whom Briareus: Art thou he, who dar'd My lord to battle on the plains of Thebes? Where have thy fears confin'd thee till this hour That I reproach thee with thy promise pledg'd? But this inglorious enterprize on herds, On flocks, and helpless peasants, was more safe, Than to abide Mardonius in the field. What tidings shall I bear I now return. From thee, great conqueror of beeves and sheep?

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Bespake her brother thus: My tend'rest tears,

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Thou

From public notice painfully conceal'd,

Shall in thy presence have a lib'ral flow.

Say,

She o'er the dead through half the folemn night
A copious web of eloquence unwinds,
Explaining how Massistius had consum'd
Nine lunar cycles in assiduous zeal
To guard her sane, her vassals to bestiend;
How they ador'd his presence; how he won
Her from the temple to Sandauce's cure
At Amarantha's suit; within his tent

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How clemency and justice still abode
To awe Barbarians; how, departing sad,
His last farewell at Oeta's shrine he gave
In words like these: "Unrivall'd dame, we march
"Against thy country—Thou should'st wish our fall.
"If we prevail, be consident in me
"Thy safeguard still"—But heav'n, perhaps, ordains
That thou shalt never want Massitius more.

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She pauses. Now her mental pow'rs sublime, Collected all, this invocation frame:

O eleutherian fire! this virtuous light,

By thee extinguish'd, proves thy care of Greece. 230

Who of the tribes Barbarian new survives

To draw thy favour? Gratitude requires

This pure libation of my tears to lave

Him once my guardian; but a guardian new,

Thy gift in Medon, elevates at last

My gratitude to thee. Serene she clos'd,

Embrac'd her brother, and retir'd to rest.

From Oeta's heights fresh rose the morning breeze.

A well-apparell'd galley lay unmoor'd

In readiness to fail. Sandauce drops

A parting tear on kind Melissa's breast,

By whom dismiss'd, Statirus on the corse

Of great Massistius waits. The Grecian chiefs

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Lead Artamanes to the friendly deck, In olive wreaths, pacific fign, attir'd, 245 Whence he the fervour of his bosom pours:

O may this gale with gentleness of breath
Replace me joyous in my seat of birth,
As I sincere on Horomazes call
To send the dove of peace, whose placid wing
The oriental and Hesperian world
May seel, composing enmity and thirst
Of mutual havoc! that my grateful roof
May then admit Themistocles, and all
Those noble Grecians, who sustained my head,
Their captive thrice. But ah! what sounts of blood
Will sate still open to o'erslow the earth!
Yet may your homes inviolate remain,
Imparting long the sulness of those joys,
Which by your bounty I shall soon posses!

He ceas'd. The struggle of Sandauce's heart Suppress'd her voice. And now the naval pipe Collects the rowers. At the signal shrill They cleave with equal strokes the Malian sloods.

Meantime a vessel, underneath the lee Of Locris coasting, plies the rapid oar In fight. She veers, and, lodging in her fails. The wind transverse, across the haven skims;

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Till on Sperchean fands she rests her keel.

Themistocles was musing on the turns

Of human fortune, and the jealous eye

Of stern republics, vigilantly bent

Against successful greatness; yet serene,

Prepar'd for ev'ry possible reverse

In his own fortune, he the present thought,

Of Persians chang'd from soes to friends, enjoy'd.

When lo! Sicinus landed. Swift his lord

In words like these the faithful man approach'd.

From Aristides hail! Asopus flows,
Still undisturb'd by war, between the hosts 280
Inactive. Each the other to assail
Instexibly their augurs have forbid.
The camp, which Ceres shall the best supply,
Will gain the palm. Mardonius then must sight
To our advantage both of time and place, 285
Themistocles replies, and sudden calls
The distrent leaders round him. Thus he spake:

Eubocans, Delphians, Locrians, you, the chiefs
Of Potidæa and Olynthus, hear.
The ritual honours to a hero due,
Whom none e'er equall'd, incomplete are left;
Them shall the new Aurora see resum'd.
At leisure now three days to solemn games
I dedicate. Amid his num'rous tents

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Mardonius

But fifty veffels deep with laden stores I first detach, that gen'ral Greece may share In our fuperfluous plenty. Want shall wafte Mardonian numbers, while profusion flows Round Aristides. To protect, my friends, Th' important freight; three thousand warlike spears Must be embark'd. You, leaders, now decide, 310 Who shall with me Thermopylæ maintain, Who join the Grecian camp. First Medon rose:

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From thy fuccessful banner to depart Believe my feet reluctant. From his cross When I deliver'd Lacedamon's king, My life, a boon his friendship once bestow'd, I then devoted in the face of heav'n To vindicate his manes. What my joy, If I furvive, if perish, what my praise To imitate his virtue? Greece demands In his behalf a facrifice like this From

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From me, who, dying, only shall discharge The debt I owe him; where fo well discharge, As at Asopus in the gen'ral shock Of Greece and Afia ? But the hundred spears. Which have fo long accompany'd my fteps 325 Through all their wand'rings, are the only force My wants require. The rest of Locrian arms Shall with Leonteus thy control obey.

Pois'd on his shield, and cas'd in Carian steel, Whence iffued luftre like Phoebean rays. Thus Haliartus : Me, in peafant-weeds, Leonidas respected. Though my heart Then by unshaken gratitude was bound, My humble state could only feel, not act. A foldier now, my efforts I must join 335 With godlike Medon's, to avenge the wrongs Of Sparta's king. But first the foldier's skill, My recent acquifition, let my arm For ever lofe, if once my heart forget and and and and and The gen'rous chief, whose service try'd my arm, Who made Acanthe mine. My prefent zeal His manly justice will forbear to chide.

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Would I forfake this memorable spot. Where died the first of Spartans, and a chief Like thee triumphant celebrates that death.

Then Cleon proffer'd his Eretrian band, Eight hundred breathing vengeance on a foe, Who laid their tow'rs in ashes. Lampon next Presents his Styrians. Brave Nearchus joins Twelve hundred youths of Chalcis. Tideus last Of Potidæa twice three hundred shields. and own eather to

at I than ? But the surfred forces.

Enough, your number is complete, the fon Of Neocles reminds them. Swift embark; The gale invites. Sicinus is your guide. te courd cale test, cise alo

He faid, and, moving tow'rds the beach, observes The embarkation. Each progressive keel 360 His eyes pursues. O'erswelling now in thought, His own defervings, glory and fuccess, Rush on his foul like torrents, which difturb A limpid fount. Of purity depriv'd; The rill no more in music steals along, 365 But harsh and turbid through its channel foams.

What sea, what coast, what region have I pas'd Without erecting trophies, cries the chief In exultation to Sicinus staid? Have I not spar'd the vanquish'd to resound 370

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My clemency ? Ev'n Persians are my friends. These are my warriors. Prosp'rous be your fails, Ye Greeks, enroll'd by me, by me inur'd To arms and conquest. Under Fortune's wing Speed, and affift my ancient rival's arm To crush th' invader. Distant I uphold The Grecian armies; diftant I will fnatch My share of laurels on the plains of Thebes. Then come, foft peace, of indolence the nurse, Not to the fon of Neocles. On gold Let rigour look contemptuous , I, return'd To defert Athens, I, enrich'd with spoils Of potentates, and kings, will raife her head From dust. Superb her structures shall proclaim, No less a marvel, than the matchless bird 385 The glory of Arabia, when, confum'd In burning frankincense and myrrh, he shews His presence new, and, op'ning to the fun Regenerated gloss of plumage, tow'rs, Himself a species. So shall Athens rise 390 Bright from her ashes, mistress sole of Greece. From long Pirzan walls her winged pow'r Shall awe the Orient, and Hesperian worlds. Me shall th' Olympic festival admit Its spectacle most splendid . . . . Ah ! suppres 395 Immod'rate thoughts, Sicinus interrupts, Thou citizen of Athens! Who aspires, Refides not there secure. Forbear to sting

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Her ever-wakeful jealousy, nor tempt
The woes of exile. For excess of worth
Was Aristides banish'd. Be not driv'n
To early trial of thy Persian friends.
O! thou transcendent, thou stupendous man,
From thy Timothea moderation learn,
Which, like the stealing touch of gentle time
O'er canvass, pencil'd by excelling art,
Smooths glaring colours, and imparts a grace
To mightiest heroes. Thus their dazzling blaze
Of glory soft'ning, softens envy's eye.

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MEANTIME Briareus to the plains of Thebes
Precipitates his course. Arriv'd, he greets
Mardonius. Rumour had already told,
What, now confirm'd, o'erwhelms the troubled chief,
Confounded like the first anointed king
O'er Israel's tribes, when Philistean din
Of armies pierc'd his borders, and despair
Seduc'd his languid spirit to consult
The forceress of Endor. Call, he said,
Elean Hegelistratus—Be swift,

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The fummon'd augur comes. To him the fon Of Gobryas : Foe to Sparta, heed my words ; Themistocles possesses on our backs Th' Oetzan passes. Famine, like a beaft, Noos'd and subservient to that fraudful man. Who shuns the promis'd contest in the field, He can turn loofe against us. In our front See Aristides. Fatal is delay. Fam'd are the oracles of Greece-Alas ! My oracle, Massitius, is no more. To thee, who hatest all the Spartan breed, I trust my fecret purpose. Be my guide To some near temple, or mysterious cave, Whence voices supernatural unfold The destinies of men. The augur here :

The nearest, but most awful, is a cave
Oracular, Lebadia's ancient boast,
Where Jupiter Trophonius is ador'd,
Not far beyond Copeae's neighb'ring lake,
Which thou must pass. With costly presents freight,
Such as magnificence like thine requires,
Thy loaded bark; command my service all.

Mardonius issues orders to provide

The bark and presents. Summoning his chiefs,

To them he spake: My absence from the camp

Important functions claim; three days of rule

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To Mindarus I cede. Till my return Let not a squadron pass th' Asopian stream.

This faid, with Hegelistratus he mounts A rapid car. Twelve giants of his guard, Detach'd before, await him on the banks and the banks Of clear Copee. Silver Phæbe fpreads A light, reposing on the quiet lake, Save where the fnowy rival of her hue, The gliding fwan, behind him leaves a trail In luminous vibration, Lo! an ille Swells on the furface. Marble structures there New gloss of beauty borrow from the moon To deck the shore. Now silence gently yields To measur'd strokes of oars, The orange groves, 50 In rich profusion round the fertile verge, Impart to fanning breezes fresh perfumes Exhauftless, visiting the sense with sweets, Which foften ev'n Briareus; but the fon Of Gobryas, heavy with devouring care, 55 Uncharm'd, unheeding fits. At length began Th' Elean augur, in a learned flow Of ancient lore, to Asia's pensive chief Historically thus: Illustrious lord, Whose nod controuls such multitudes in arms 60 From lands remote and near, the story learn Of fage Trophonius, whose prophetic cell Thou wouldst descend. An architect divine, K 2

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He for the Delphians rais'd their Pythian fane.
His recompense imploring from the god.
This gracious answer from the god he drew:
"When thrice my chariot hath its circle run,
"The prime reward, a mortal can obtain,
"Trophonius, shall be thine." Apollo thrice
His circle ran; behold Trophonius dead. 76
With prophecy his spirit was endu'd,
But where abiding in concealment long and and and and
The destinies enveloped. Lo ! a dearth and gribble of
Afflicts Beetia. Meffengers address construction
The Delphian pow'r for fuccour. He enjoins 75
Their care throughout Lebadian tracts to feek ilch
Oracular Trophonios. Long they roam and and about the
In fruitless fearch; at last a honey'd swarm
Before them flies; they follow, and attain and attain
A cave. Their leader enters, when a voice, 180
Revealing there the deity, fuggefts it gotthis stolffusion
Cure to their wants, and knowledge of his will
How to be worshipp'd in fucceeding times! any ded at
To him the name of Jupiter is giv'nguine situal and
He to the fatal fifters bath excels;
Sees Clotho's awful distaff; sees the thread
Of human life by Lachelis thence drawn ;
Sees Atropos divide, with direful shears, we won shear
The flender line. But rueful is the mode a bust more
Of confultation, though from peril free,
Server Carlier may a love out the Wiston

Within his dreary cell. In thy behalf. Thou mayst a faithful substitute appoint.

timplicates. The efficients accords By Horomazes, no exclaims the chief! It is the cause of empire, from his post Compels the Persian leader; none but he Shall with your god confer. Transactions past To Hegefistratus he now details, His heart unfolding, now conceals th' event In Afia's camp, when Acimnestus bold, The Spartan legate, prompted, as by heav'n, Him fingled our the victim to atone The death of Sparta's king. Their changing courfe. Of navigation now suspends their words. Against the influx of Cephissus, down Lebadian vales in limpid flow convey'd, The rowers now are lab'ring. O'er their heads Huge alders weave their canopies, and shed Disparted moonlight through the lattic'd boughs; Where Zephyr plays, and whifp'ring motion breathes Among the pliant leaves. Now roleate tinets 110 Begin to streak the orient verge of heav'n, Foretok'ning day. The fon of Gobryas lands, Where in fost murmur down a channell'd slope The stream Hercyna, from Trophonian groves, Fresh bubbling meets Cephissus. He ascends 115 With all his train. "Th' in closure, which begirds The holy purlieus, through a portal, hung

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Priest of Bocotia's oracle most fam'd. Difmiss all fear. Thy country's guardian hail, This mighty prince, Mardonius. He preferves Inviolate her fanes; her willing spears 125 All range beneath his standards. To confer With your Trophonius, lo! he comes with gifts, Surpassing all your treasur'd wealth can boast. His hours are precious, nor admit delay: Accept his fumptuous off rings, and commence 130 The ceremonials due. At first aghast The holy man furvey'd the giant guard. Soon admiration follow'd at thy form, Mardonius. Low in stature, if compar'd With those unshapen savages, sublime 135 Thou trod'st in majesty of mein, and grace Of just proportion. Last the gems and gold, Bright vafes, tripods, images and crowns, The prefents borne by those gigantic hands, With fascinating lustre fix'd the priest and all and 140 To gaze unfated on the copious store.

Pass through, but unaccompany'd, he said,
Illustrious Persian. Be th'accepted gists
Deposited within these holy gates.

He leads the fatrap to a graffy mount, 145 Distinct with scatter'd plantains. Each extends O'er the smooth green his mantle brown of shade Of marble white an edifice round, In all th'attractive elegance of art, Looks from the fummit, and invites the feet Of wondiring strangers to ascend. The prince, By his conductor, is instructed thus:

Observe yon dome. Thou first must enter there Alone, there fervent in devotion bow Before two statues; one of Genius good; Of Fortune fair the other. At the word Mardonius enters. Chance directs his eve-To that expressive form of Genius good, " Whose gracious lineaments, sedately sweet, Recall Malistius to the gloomy chiefe

O melaneholy ! who can give thee praise? Not fure the gentle; them thy weight o'erwhelms. But thou art wholesome to intemp'rate minds, In vain by wisdom caution'd. In the pool Of black adverfity let them be fleep'd, Then pride, and luft, and fury thou dost tame. So now Mardonius, by the pow'r enthrall'd, Sighs in these words humility of grief:

If heav'n, relenting, will to me affign A Genius good, he bears no other name Than

Than of Massistius. Oh! thou spirit bles'd,
(For fure thy virtue dwells with endless peace)
Canft thou, her feat relinquishing awhile,
Unfeen, or visible, protect thy friend will wald and
In this momentous crifis of his fate ; ani Dartis 'de la 175
Or wilt thou, if permitted ? Ah I no more
Think of Mardonius fierce, ambitious, proud; brow 10
But as corrected by thy precepts mild
Who would forego his warmest hopes of same,
Of pow'r and fplendour, gladly to expire, 180
If so the myriads trusted to his charge
He might preserve, nor leave whole nations fall'n,
A prey to vultures on these hostile plains.
Come, and be witness to the tears which slow;
Sure tokens of fincerity in me, 1977 1997 11 185
Not us'd to weep; who, humbled at thy loss,
Melt like a maiden, of her love bereav'd and the A
By unrelenting death. My demon kind,
Do thou descend, and Fortune will pursue the C
Spontaneous and auspicious on her wheel
A track unchang'd. Here turning, he adores and
Her flatt'ring figure, and forfakes the dome.

Along Hercyna's bank they now proceed,
To where the river parts. One channel holds
A fluggish, creeping water, under vaults
Of ebon shade, and soporific yew,
The growth of ages on the level line

Of either joyless verge. The satrap here,
Nam'd and presented by his former guide,
A second priest receives, conductor new
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Through night-resembling shadows, which obscure
The sleepy stream, unmoving to the sight,
Or moving mute. A sountain they approach
One of Hercyna's sources. From the pores
Of spongy rock an artificial vase
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Of jetty marble in its round collects
The slow-distilling moisture. Hence the priest
A brimming chalice to Mardonius bears,
Whom in these words he solemnly accosts:

This fount is nam'd of Lethe. Who consults
Our subterranean deity, must quast
Oblivion here of all preceding thoughts,
Sensations, and affections. Reach the draught;
If such oblivious sweets this cup contains,
I gladly graspit, cries the chief, and drinks.

Afcending thence, a mazy walk they tread,
Where all the feafon's florid children flow
Their gorgeous rayment, and their odours breathe
Unspent; while musical in murmur flows
Fast down a steep declivity of bed
Hercyna, winding in a channel new,
Apparent often to the glancing eye
Through apertures, which pierce the loaden boughs

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Of golden fruit Hesperian, and th' attire de loi mains 10 Of myrtles green, o'ershadowing the banks. 229 A locond unied generales, confidein men

In alabafter's variegated hues, ildustrating in the total To bound the pleasing avenue, a fane Its fymmetry difcover'd on a plat. Thick-fet with rofes, with a circling skreen Of that fair ash, where cluster'd berries glow. 230 From ruffling gufts defended. Thither speeds Mardonius, there deliver'd to a third Religious minister supreme. Two youths. In snow-like vesture, and of lib'ral mien, Sons of Lebadian citizens, attend. Entit'led Mercuries. The feer address'd The Persian warrior: In this mansion pure Mnemofyne is worshipp'd; so in Greece The pow'r of memory is ftyl'd. Advance, Invoke her aid propitious to retain 240 Whate'er by founds, or visions, in his cave The prophet god reveals. The chief comply'd; The hallow'd image he approach'd, and spake :

Thou art indeed a goddefs, I revere. Now to Mardonius, if some dream or fign 245 Prognosticate success, and thou imprint The admonitions of unerring heav'n In his retentive mind; this arm, this fword istani de promo de de la compansia Shall

Shall win thy further favour to record His name and glory on the rolls of time. 250

supers Emilion with the contract in a term This faid, with lighter steps he quits the fane, The Mercuries conduct him to a bath, Fed from Hercyna's fairer, second source, In shade sequester'd close. While there his limbs Are difarray'd of armour, to assume 250 A civil garment, foon as spotless streams Have purify'd his frame; the prieft, who stands Withour, in eclacy of joy remarks The rich Mardonian off rings on their way, By fervitors transported to enlarge 260 The holy treasure. Instant he prepares For facrifice, A fable ram is flain,

Fresh from ablution, lo ! Mardonius comes In linen vesture, fine and white, as down Of Paphian doves. A fash of tincture bright, 265 Which rivall'd Flora's brilliancy of dye, Engirds his loins; majeftical his brows A wreath fustain; Lebadian fandals ease His steps. Exchanging thus his martial guise, Like fome immortal, of a gentler mold 270 Than Mars, he moves. So Phoebus, when he fets, Lav'd by the nymphs of Tethys in their grot Of coral after his diurnal toil, Repairs his splendours, and his rosy track inord A

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Of morn refumes. With partial eyes the prieft
Explores the victim's entrails, and reports on 276
Each fign aufpicious with a willing tongue;
Then to Mardonius : Thee, Beeria's friend, and
Magnificently pions to her gods, Subnes mituatal sall
Thee I pronounce a votary approv'd marsh and 280
By this Bosotian deity. Now feek
In confidence the cavern. But the rites be available stA
Demand, that first an image thou approach,
Which none, but those in purity of garb, b' thrus and
None, but accepted suppliants of the god at 285
Can lawfully behold. Above the bath
A rock was hollow'd to an ample space
Thence iffued bubbling waters. See, he faid,
The main Hercynian fount, whole face reflects
Yon Dædalcan workmanship, the form 290
Trophonius bears! Adore that reverend beard,
The twifted ferpents round that awful staff, and a lead I
Those looks, which pierce the mysteries of fate.
and the bound of many the training of the

Next through a winding cavity and vast

He guides the prince along a mosty vault,

Rough with protuberant and tortuons roots

Of ancient woods, which, clothing all above

In depth shoot downward equal to their height;

Suspended lamps, with livid glympse and faint,

Direct their darkling passage. Now they reach

The further mouth unclosing in a dale

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Abrupt; there shadow, never-seeting, rests.

Rude-seatur'd crags, o'erhanging, thence expel

The blaze of noon. Beneath a frowning cliff

A native arch, of altitude which tempts

The soaring eagle to construct his nest,

Expands before an excavation deep,

Unbowelling the hill. On either side

This gate of nature, hoary sons of time,

Enlarg'd by ages to portentous growth,

Impenetrable yews augment the gloom.

In height two cubits, on the rocky floor A parapet was rais'd of marble white, white, which is a little In circular dimension; this upholds The weight of polish'd obelisks, by zones 315 Of brass connected, ornamental fence. A wicket opens to th' advancing prince; Steps moveable th' attentive priest supplies ; By whom inftracted, to the awful chafin Below, profound but narrow, where the god His inspiration breathes, th' intrepid fon Of Gobryas firm descends. His nether limbs Up to the loins he plunges. Downward drawn, As by a whirlpool of fome rapid flood, At once the body is from fight conceal'd. Entranc'd he lies in fubterranean gloom, Less dark than superstition. She, who caus'd His bold adventure, with her wonted fumes

Of perturbation from his torpid state Awakes him; rather in a dream fuggefts 310 That he is waking. On a naked bank and a seld out? He feems to fland; before him fleeps a pool, Edg'd round by defert mountains, in their height Obscuring heav'n. Without impulsive oars, Without a fail, spontaneous flies a bark Above the stagnant surface, which, untouch'd, Maintains its filence. On the margin refts The skiff, presenting to the hero's view An aged fire, of penetrating ken, His weight inclining on an ebon staff, 340 With ferpents wreath'd, who, beck'ning, thus began :

If, feed of Gobryas, thou wouldst know thy fate, Embark with me; Trophonius I am call'd.

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Th' undaunted chief obeys. In flight more swift Than eagles, fwiftest of the feather'd kind, 345 Th' unmoving water's central fpot they gain. At once its bosom opens; down they fink In depth to equal that immane descent man and a common of the Of Hercules to Pluto, yet perform, lose mid and or all As in a moment, their portentous way! 350 Around, above, the liquid mass retires, In concave huge suspended, nor bedews Their limbs, or garments. Two stupendous valves Of adamant o'er half the bottom spread;

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Them with his myftic rod the prophet fmites. 1 355
Self-lifted, they a fpacious grot expose, sold stran A
Whose pointed spar is tipt with dancing light,
Beyond Phoebean clear. The Persian looks;
Intelligent he looks. Words, names and things,
Recurring, gather on his anxious mind amont and be 360
When he, who feems Trophonius : Down this cave
None, but the gods oracular, may passant avaired all
Here dwell the fatal Sifters ; at their toil and Manne !!
The Destinies thou see'st. The thread new-drawn
Is thine, Mardonius. Infantly a voice, a see 365
Which shakes the grot, and all the concave round,
Sounds Aemnestus. Swift the direful shears
The line differer, and Mardonius, whirl'd
Back from Trophonian gloom, is found supine
Within the marble parapet, which fenc'd 370
The cavern's mouth. The watchful priest conducts
The agitated fatrap, mute and fad, and the and do
Back to Mnemofyne's abode. His eyes
Are sternly fix'd. Now, prince, the feer began,
Divulge, whatever thou hast heard and scen 375
Before this goddess. Priest, he said, suspend
Thy function now importunate. Remove. As the state

The feer withdrawn, the Persian thus alone:
Then be it so. To luxury and pow'r,
Magnificence and pleasure, I must bid
380
Farewell. Leonidas let Greece extol,

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Whole cained logs is the web dancing libs.

Me too shall Persia. Goddess, to thy charges want A name, fo dearly purchas'd, I confign. and hard les

This faid, in hafte his armour he refumes. In house Not as Leonidas compos'd, yet brave 12 385 Amid the gloom of trouble, he prefers Death to dishonour. O'er the holy ground He pensive treads, a parallel to Saulikan add and -Return'd from Endor's necromantic cell at the land In fadness, till magnanimously firm state and 190 Ne'er to furvive his dignity, but face Predicted ruin, and, in battle flain, Preserve his fame. Mardonius finds the gates; His friends rejoins; glides down Cephiffian floods; Copææ's lake repaffes; and is lodg'd In his own tent by midnight. Sullen there He fits; disturb'd, he shuns repose; access Forbids to all: but Lamachus intrudes, Nefarious counsellor, in fell device Surpassing fellest tyrants. Now hath night Upcall'd her clouds, black fignal for the winds To burft their dungeons; cataracts of rain Mix with blue fires; th' ethereal concave groans; Stern looks Mardonius on the daring Greek, Who, in his wiles confiding, thus began: 405 . 50 m

Supreme o'er nations numberless in arms, Sole hope of Afia, thy return I greet

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With joy. Thy absence hath employ'd my foul
To meditate the means, the certain means than di
For thee to prosper, Lo ! the active fon circums 410
Of Neocles, who keeps th' Oetæan pafs,
Lo! Aristides in the camp of Greece, to to Bariel'
Remain thy only obstacles. Her pow'r,
Of them depriv'd, would monlder and disperse,
Devoid of counsel, with an edgless sword 415
Uncommon danger stimulates the wife wife
To fearch for fafety through uncommon paths,
Much more, when pow'r, when empire and renown,
Hang on a crisis. If a serpent's guile
Behind the pillows of fuch foes might lurk; 420
If darring thence, his unfuspected fting
Might pierce their bosoms; if the ambient air
Could by mysterious alchymy be chang'd all the soft
To viewless poison, and their cups infect pure the el
With death; fuch help would policy difdain ? 425
Haft thou not hardy and devoted flaves?
Try their fidelity and zeal. No life and some mondy
Can be fecure against a daring hand, sit put no har all
Two Grecian deaths confirm thee lord of Greece.
From ruby lips, which become the the air

He ceas'd, expecting praise; but honour burns quil Fierce in the fatrap's elevated foul; minima mid sta 431

Dar'st thou suggest such baseness to the son

Of Gobryas? furious he exalts his voice;

Guards, seize and strangle this pernicious wolf.

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The ready guards afford him, and the wretch
Fit retribution for his crimes receives.

This act of eastern equity expels

The satrap's gloom. Now, Grecian gods, he cries,

Smile on my justice. From th' assassin's point

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L guard your heroes. By yourselves I swear,

My preservation, or success, affur'd

By such unmanly turpitude I spurn.

His mind is cheer'd. A tender warmth succeeds,

Bredominant in am'rous, eastern hearts,

A balm to grief, and victor mild of rage.

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The midnight hour was past, a season dear
To softly-tripping Venus. Through a range
Of watchful eunuchs in apartments gay
He seeks the semale quarter of his tent,
Which, like a palace of extent superb,
Spreads on the field magnificence. Soft lutes,
By snowy sugers touch'd, sweet-warbled song
From ruby lips, which harmonize the air
Impregnated with rich Panchæan scents,
Salute him ent'ring. Gentle hands unclass
His martial harness, in a tepid bath
Lave and persume his much-enduring limbs.

A couch is strewn with roses; he reclines

# Book XXVII. THE ATHENAID. 211 In thinly-woven Taffeta. So long 460 In pond'rous armour cas'd, he scarcely feels The light and loose attire. Around him smile Circassian Graces, and the blooming flow'rs Of beauty cull'd from ev'ry clime to charm. Lo! in transcending ornaments of dress A fair-one all-surpassing greets the chief; But pale her lip, and wild her brilliant eye:

Nam'd from Bethulia, where I draw my breath,	
I, by a father's indigence betray'd,	11.0
Became thy flave; yet nobler my descent	470
From Judith ever-fam'd, whose beauty sav'd	
Her native place. Indignant I withflood	1000
Thy passion. Gentle still a master's right	
Thou didft forbear, and my reluctant charms	474
Leave unprophan'd by force. Repuls'd, thy love	100
Grew cold. Too late contemplating thy worth,	A.F.
I felt a growing flame, but ne'er again	ak
Could win thy favour. In the Haram's round	133
Disconsolate, neglected, I have walk'd;	i Vic
Have feen my gay companions to thy arms	480
Preferr'd, professing passion far unlike	
To mine, Mardonius. Now despair suggests	DA.
To give thee proof of undiffembled truth,	Mr. San
Which no neglect hath cool'd. To thy fucces,	
Thy glory, my virginity is vow'd.	485
In this bright raiment, with collected pow'rs	
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Of beauty, I at Ariftides' feet
Will throw me proftrate. To th' alluring face
Of my progenitrix a victim fell the shoot has the sail
Th' Affyrian captain, Holofernes proud ; 10 490
So shall thy foe of Athens fall by mine.
The meritorious and heroic deed
Soon will erafe the transitory stain.
O! if fuccessful, let Bethulia hope
For thy reviving love. Mardonius starts 495
In dubious trouble. Whether to chaftife
So fierce a spirit, or its zeal admire,
He hesitates. Compassion for the fex
At length prevails, fuggefting this reply :
Fell magnanimity t enormous proof
Of fuch intemp'rate passion ! I forgive and finite and
While I reject thy proffer'd crime, although and service
The deed might fix my glory and fuccess;
And in return for thy prepos'trous love, grid or a file
Will fafe replace thee in thy native feat the month 505.
With gifts to raise from indigence thy house.
But never, never from this hour will view and and are
Thy face again, Bethulia. Eunuchs, hear; James
Remove, conceal this woman from my fight.
No, thou inhuman, thus Bethulia wild: 510
This shall remove for ever from thy fight
A woman scorn'd, and terminate her pains.

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With shricks the Haram founds; the afflicted fair,

The eunuchs shudder; when the satrap thus:

Is this another black portent of ill, white was a long of the Stern Horomazes? or is this my crime? I sale more everall No, thou art just. My conscious spirit feels a broad sale. Thy approbation of Mardonius now.

The goddine figure floor Aform gious,

But from his breaft the dire event expels 520 All foft and am'rous cares. His vaft command, His long inaction, and the dread of shame Recur. He quits the chamber; to his own Repairing, fummons Mindarus, and firm In aspect speaks: The morning soon will dawn. 525 Draw down our flingers, archers, and the fkill'd In flying darts to line th' Asopian brink; Thence gall the Grecians, whose diurnal wants That flood relieves. Then Mindarus: O chief, This inftant fure intelligence is brought, That from the ifthmus, to fupply their camp, A convoy, rich in plenty, is descry'd Advancing tow'rds Cithæron's neighb'ring pass.

Mardonius quick: No moment shall be lost.

Bid Tiridates with five thousand horse

offers that pass, and, pouring on the plain,

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Secure the precious store. This said, he seeks

A short repose, and Mindarus withdraws.

In arms anon to paragon the morn,
The morn new-rifing, whose vermillion hand
Draws from the bright'ning front of heav'n serene
The humid curtains of tempestuous night,
Mardonius mounts his courser. On his bank
The godlike figure soon Asopus views.

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By felf-tormenting memory, and warmth
Of fruitless passon. Present too his chief,
His friend and kinfman, from a fiery fleed
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Like Boreas, riding on a stormy cloud,
Whence iffue darts of light'ning, mix'd with hail
In rattling show'rs. The enemies dispers'd,
Embolden Mindarus to ford the stream.
In guidance swift of cavalry expert, 1 20
With unrefifted fquadrons he careers
Along the fields. Inviolate the flood
Heignards; each postile quarter he insulter. NOO
Now Gobryas' fon, unfetter'd from the bonds
Of fuperstitious terrors, joyful fees 25
In Mindarus a new Massitius rise;
Nor less the tidings Tiridates sends,
Who in Cithæron's pailes hath despoiled and H.IIH
The flaughter'd foes, infpire the general's thoughts,
Which teem with arduous enterprise The camping
He empties all pheneath whole forming hole with
The meadow founds. The mative Persians face of and
Laconia's flation, Greeks allies oppose a ma small and
Th' Athenian. All the force of Thebes array'd and and
Envenom'd Leontiades commandance tidud , austalias

Greece in her lines fits tranquil ; either hoft

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Restrain'd, they shun the interdicted ford.	1700 3
But of the river's plenteous stream depriv'd	
By Mindarus, the Grecians fear a dearth	40
Of that all-cheering element. A rill	
Flows from a distant spring, Gargaphia nam'd,	
Their fole resource. Nor dread of other wants	
Afflicts them less; their convoy is o'erpow'r'd	A THE
By Tiridates. Anxious all exhauft	45
A night disturb'd; the bravest grieve the most,	
Lest through fevere necessity they quit	
Inglorious their polition. Morning shines;	Land Sec.
When frequent fignals from th' external guards,	
Near and remote, fucceffive rife. To arms	50
All rush. Along the spacious public way	
From Megara, obscuring dust ascends.	
The found of trampling hoofs, and laden wheels	
With shours of multitude, is heard. Behold,	
Forth from the cloud, a messenger of joy,	55
Sicinus breaks, of bold auxiliar bands	5 (30 et 14)
Forerunner swift, and unexpected aid	
In copious stores, at Megara's wide port	MANAGE.
New-landed from Thermopyla. The camp	10.141
Admits, and hails in rapturous acclaim	60
Eubæan standards, Potidæa's ranks,	
The laurell'd priest and hero, Timon sage,	Hald all.
Th' ennobled heir of Lygdamis, and thee,	wilds.
Meliffa's brother, great Oileus' fon,	el vier
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Friend of Leonidas, thee dear to all,

O brave, and gen'rous Medon! From their tents

The chiefs affemble, when Sicinus spake:

Paufanias, gen'ral of united Greece, Accept these ample fuccours from the hand Of provident Themistocles: Posses'd 70 Of Oeta's passes, he the Persian hoft Now with impenetrable toils befets Like beafts of prey entangled by the skill Of some experienc'd hunter. Thou receive, Just Aristides, from Timothea's love, A fuit of armour new, in Chalcis fram'd, Without luxuriant ornament, or gold, The shield, an emblem of thy foul, displays Truth, equity and wisdom, hand in hand. This for her children, and thy own, confign'd 80 To her Eubœan roof and pious care, She bids thee lift and conquer. Thou restore The little exiles in their native homes To dwell in peace. Her gift, she adds, derives Its only value from the wearer's worth. 85

In fimiles, like Saturn at the tribute pure
Of fruits and flow'rs in singleness of heart
Paid by religion of the golden age,
Timothea's gift the righteous man receives,
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Heroic labours, foon by matchless deeds To justify the giver. He began:

Confederated warriors, who withstand A tyrant's pow'r, unanimous confess Your debt to great Themistocles, the lord Of all admir'd Timothea. He and I Evince the fruits of concord. Ancient foes, Through her united, cheerful we sustain Our public charge. From gen'ral union Greece Expects her fafety. Him fuccess hath crown'd In arms and counsel; whether on the main His naval flag he spread, or shook the land With his triumphant step. O, hero-born Paufanias! glowing with Herculean blood, Now under thee let Aristides hope To share success, nor tarnish with diffrace His armour new. Behold, you river gleams 105 With hostile arms. Those standards on the left, Well-known to Attic eyes, are proudly borne By native Medes and Persians. Lifts her Cadmean banner on the right. Treach'rous Thebes A second time Mardonius forms his host To proffer battle. He, perhaps, may ford Asopus, which Tisamenus, the learn'd In divination, hath forbid our steps To pals. Thy former numbers swift arrange.

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New from a march let these auxiliars guard The camp. To him Paufanias thus apart :

Athenian, hear: Your citizens are vers'd In this Barbarian warfare, yet unknown To us. Let Spartans and Athenians change Their station. You, an adversary try'd At Marathon, and foil'd, will best oppose. To vanquish Grecians we accustom'd long Will you Bootians and Thessalians face. Such is my will. Concife the Attic fage:

Thou hast commanded what my willing thoughts Themselves devis'd, but waited first to hear. Well canft thou fight, Paufanias. I will strive To imitate thy deeds and thy renown, 1 30 On whose increase our liberty and laws Depend. This faid, they part. Behind the year Soon from the left th' Athenians, from the right The Spartans file, Their flations they exchange, Not by Mardonius unperceiv'd. He moves 135 'His Medes and Persians to the post of Thebes, Whence still the Spartan phalanx they confront, The Thebans still th' Athenian. This observ'd, Paufanias swift to Aristides fends Strict charge his old polition to resume. 140

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Now indignation high through all the tribes Of Athens rages. Noble pride, and fense Of just defert, in exclamation fierce Break from th' exalted populace, who claim. Their foil for parent. Gods I from wing to wing Must we like servile mercenary bands,. Like Helots, flaves to Lacedamon born, Be hurry'd thus obsequious to controul From an imperious Sparran? Tegea first. Contested our prerogative. The pride Of Sparta next removes us from the post, Affign'd by public judgment; we comply. Must we at her contemptuous nod refume The station we for fook ? Definding Greece, Ourselves meanwhile deserted and betray'd, Twice have we lost our city. What is left Of our abandon'd residence, but dust? Let Greece defend herself. Let us remove For the last time our standards, hoist our fails, Our floating empire fix on diftant shores, Our houshold gods, our progeny, and name, On some new soil establish, sure to find None so ingrate as this. The Athenians thus Swell with ingenuous ire, as ocean boils, Disturb'd by Eurus, and the rude career Of Boreas, threat'ning furious to furmount Il circumfeription. But as oft a cloud,

Distilling.

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Distilling gentle moisture as it glides, Dissolves the rigour of their boist rous wings, Till o'er the main ferenity returns; 170 So from the mouth of Aristides fall Composing words. Infensibly he fooths Their juftly-irritated minds, and calms Their just refentment. Righteousness and truth. How prevalent your efforts, when apply'd By placid wisdom! In these strains he spake:

Ye men of Athens, at Laconia's call To meet the flow'r of Afia's hoft in fight Do ye repine? A station, which implies Pre-eminence of Attic worth, a talk Of all most glorious, which the martial race Of Sparta shuns, and you should covet most, Ye Marathonian victors? In the fight Of Greece, who trembles at a Median garb, You are preferr'd for valour. Arms the fame, 185 The fame embroider'd vestment on their limbs Effeminate, the same unmanly fouls, Debas'd by vices and monarchal rule, The Medes retain, as when their vanquish'd ranks Fled heretofore. With weapons often try'd, 190 With confidence by victories increas'd, Not now for liberty and Greece alone You march to battle; but to keep unspoil'd Your trophies won already, and the name,

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Which Marathon and Salamis have rais'd,

Preferve unstain'd; that men may ever fay,

Not through your leaders, not by fortune there

You triumph'd, but by fortitude innate,

And lib'ral vigour of Athenian blood.

He faid and march'd. All follow mute through love

Of Ariftides, inexpressive love,
Which melts each bosom. Solemn they proceed,
Though lion-like in courage, at his call
A foldier thus in agitation spake:

" Yet, O most excellent of Gods! O Jove!

"This is the man, we banish'd ! In thy fight

" The most excelling man, whose fole offence

Was all-transcending merit, from his home

"Our impious votes expell'd, by envy's fuight 225

Seduc'd. We drove him fugitive through Greece;

"Where still he held ungrateful Athens dear,

"For whose redemption from her sloth he rous'd Enthusiastic forrow hath o'erwhelm'd,

And ev'ry heart unbrac'd. By earliest dawn
Each lest his restless couch. Their first discourse
Was calm, and filld with narratives distinct
Of thy accomplishments, and worth. At length
Thy countenance amongst us, hasty spake
The warrior-poet ent'ring: All thy camp

Alarms the leader. Aristides, shew.

Meek

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Arriv'd, difbanded, in their fep'rate tents Cecropia's tribes exhauft a tedious night, Unvifited by fleep. The morning breaks ; Instead of joy to gratulate her light The tone of fadness from dejected hearts Combining fighs and groans in murmur deep, " All Greece to arms," The foldier clos'd in floods Of anguish. Instant through the concourse ran Contagious grief; as if the fiend Despair, 231 From his back chariot, wheeling o'er their heads In clouds of darkness, dropp'd his pois'nous dews Of melancholy down to chill the blood, Unnerve the limbs, and fortitude diffolve. 235 Speed, Aristides, By th' immortal pow'rs! The feeblest troops of Persian in this hour Might overcome the tame, desponding force Of thy dear country, mistress long confess'd Of eloquence and arts, of virtue now 240 Through the unerring guidance. Here the fage:

With-hold thy praise, good Æschylus—Be swift,
Arrange my sellow citizens in arms
Beneath each ensign of the sev'ral tribes.
I will appear a cosmorter, a friend,
Their public servant. Æschylus withdraws.

Soon

Soon Aristides, in his armour new. Timothea's gift, advances from his tent. Should from his throne th' Omnipotent descend In vifitation of the human race. While dreading his displeasure; as to earth All heads would bend in reverential awe. Contrite and conscious of their own misdeeds: So look th' Athenians, though in all the pomp Of Mars array'd, and terrible to half The world in battle. Down their corflets bright Tears trickle, tears of penitence and shame, To fee their injur'd patriot chief affume In goodness heav'n's whole semblance, as he moves Observant by, and through the weeping ranks 260 From man to man his lib'ral hand extends, Confoling. No refentment he could shew, Who none had felt, Ascending now on high, He thus address'd the penitential throng:

Rate not too high my merit, nor too low 265 Your own depreciate. Error is the lot Of man; but lovely in the eye of heav'n Is fense of error. Better will you fight, As better men from these auspicious tears, Which evidence your worth, and please the gods. With strength and valour, equity of mind 271 Uniting double fortitude. Your wives, Your progeny and parents, laws and rites,

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Were ne'er so well secur'd. The warlike bard
Rose next: Requested by the sev'ral tribes,
In their behalf I promise to thy rule
All acquiescence. Bid them sight, retreat,
Maintain, or yield a station; bid them sace
Innumerable soes, surmount a soss
Deep as the sea, or bulwarks high as rocks;
Subordination, vigilance, contempt
Of toil and death, thy distates shall command.

Th' Oilean hero, Timon, and the feed Of Lygdamis, are present, who encamp'd Among th' Athenians. They admire the chief. Nor less the people. While the term of morn 286 Was passing thus, a summons to his tent Calls Ariftides. Aëmnestus there Salutes him; Attic friend, a new event In Sparta's quarter is to thee unknown; 290 From me accept the intelligence. The fun Was newly ris'n, when o'er th' Asopian flood An Eastern herald pass'd. Behind him tow'r'd A giant-fiz'd Rarbarian. He approach'd Our camp; before Paufanias brought, he spake :

"I am Briareus, of Mardonian guards	296
Commander. Through my delegated mouth	
Thus faith the fon of Gobryas: I have heard	
"Among the Greeks your prowess vaunted high,	
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Pausanias gave no answer; not through sear.

But humour torpid and morose, which wrapp'd
In clouds of scorn his brow. Consulting none,
With silent pride the giant he dismis'd.

The challenger, in triumph turning back,
Repass'd the river. Aëmnestus paus'd;
A second messenger appear'd. Behold,
In blooming vigour, slush'd by rapid haste,
Young Menalippus, from the rev'rend seer
Megistias sprung. Athenian chief, he said,
Bring down thy active, missile-weapon'd troops;
On their immediate help Pausanias calls.

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"Your boasted valour bury'd in the grave "With your Leonidas, o'erthrown and slain."

A cloud of hostile cavalry invests

Laconia's quarter. Javelins, arrows, darts,

In sheets discharg'd, have choak'd our last resource,

Gargaphia's sountain, and our heavy bands 330

Perplex and harrass. Aristides hears,

And issues swift his orders, while the youth

Continues thus: Thou knew'st of old my sire,

Who at Thermopylæ expir'd. The just

Consort together. Aristides thus: 335

Ingenuous youth, for Greece thy father bled
A fpotless victim, but for ever lives
Companion with Leonidas in fame.
By heav'n protected, thou shalt live to see
Their death aton'd; the period is not far.

Come on; my force is ready. Medon arms
With Haliartus, once the shepherd-swain
In Oeta's pass to Menalippus known,
Whom both embrace with gratulation kind.

All march, but reach not Sparta's distant wing,
Before the Persians, fated with success,
Fil'd back to join Mardonius. Secret he
Was communing with Mirzes, most renown'd
Among the Magi. Thus the satrap clos'd:

Through each occurrence undifguis'd, O fage !

My circumftantial narrative bath run,

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From where I enter'd first Trophonian ground, Till my descent and vision in the cave.	light.
Speak frankly, Mirzes—nor believe thy words,	
Whatever black prefages they contain,	355
Subjoin'd to all Trophonius hath forehold,	
Can change my firm refolves, or blunt my fword.	
Solicitude for Persia to excess	
Missed thee, satrap, to that graven god,	
Rejoins the Magus, where, if aught besides	360
The craft of Grecian, mercenary priests,	
It was the demon Arimanius rul'd.	
He long hath prompted that Elean feer,	
Who blunts thy fword by divination false.	
What thou dost vision call was empty dream;	365
Imagination heated, and disturb'd,	
A texture wild and various, intermix'd	
With ill-match'd images of things, which last	
Oppress'd thy mind. Thy own distemper fram'd	to in a Ki
Th' unreal grot, where Destinies of air	370
In apparition cut thy vital thread;	
Their act was thine, the oracle thy own,	4 ( 2)
All vague creation of thy erring fleep.	
Briareus enters. At his tidings glad,	i only
Which oftentation founded, thus exults	375
Mardonius: Sayft thou, Lacedæmon's chief	313
Was mute, when my defiance shook his ear?	
Hence to the winds, ye auguries and figns !	
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Ye dreams and mysteries of Greece, avaunt !	
Thou, Horomazes, not in marble fanes,	380
Nor woods oracular, and caves, doft dwell.	MARK!
It is the pow'r of evil there misguides	6.159)
Insensate mortals, and misguided me.	ed n.t
O, Artemisia! now shall Gobryas' son	904976
Look only, where no mystery can lurk,	- 385
On ev'ry manly duty. Nothing dark	302
The tracks of honour shades. To chiefs select,	
Greek and Barbarian fummon'd, he reveals	16, 51
His fix'd refolves in council. They disperse	13/64/33
To execute his will. Among the reft	390
Young Alexander, Macedonia's lord,	
Speeds to his quarters in the folemn bow'r	
Of Dirce. There Mardonius had decreed	
A cenotaph of marble, newly-rais'd	
To his deplor'd Massistius. There the queen	395
Of Macedon, Phoebean Timon's child,	
Bright Amarantha, like an evining bird,	
Whose trill delights a melancholy grove,	
Oft with harmonious skill in Delphian strains,	
Th' ingenuous practice of her maiden days,	400
Sung of her father, and Masistius good,	
That friend, that known protector. She her lute	e . 41
Was now in cadence with Dircaan rills	lady)
Attuning. Vocal melody fhe breath'd,	1,3-11-3
Which at another feafon might have won	405
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Her lord from fadness. Sighing, he her fong Thus interrups: Ah! confort dear, as fair, I come from Persia's council; where the son Of Gobryas, urg'd by fear of sudden want Through his wide hoft, nor animated less By Spartan filence at the challenge proud His herald bore, determines to reject The augur's warnings. O'er the stream he means To lead th' embattled nations, and furprise. Ere dawn, at least assail the camp of Greece 415 In ev'ry station. If she quits her lines, Then will his num'rous cavalry furround Her heavy phalanx on the level space. O that my ancestor had never left His Grecian home in Argos, nor acquir'd Emathia's crown! I never then compell'd, Had borne reluctant arms against a race By friendship link'd, affinity; and blood, What horror ! cries the queen, With me and mine. While fear furmifes, that my husband's fword 425 May blindly cut my father's vital thread. But not alone fuch parricide to shun Should wake thy efforts. Alexander, no; Thou must do more. Our mutual words recall, When thou to Athens by Mardonius fent 430 Didft from thy fruitless ambassy rejoin Me in Trachiniæ; whence the Barb'rous chief Renew'd his march to lay Cecropian domes

	"What a lot is mine,
" Thou faidft ? If ?	Kerxes triumph, I become 435
" A flave in purple,	Should the Greeks prevail,
" Should that Euboe	an conqueror, the fon
" Of Neocles be fen	t th' Athenian scourge
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I interrupted thus	s: "Awhile, dear lord,
" We must submit t	o wear the galling mask, 440
" Necessity imposes.	New events
" Are daily fcatter?	d by the reftless palm
" Of fortune. Som	e will prove propitious. Wife,
" To all benignant,	Ariftides ferv'd
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Behold that season comes; let Greian blood, Which warms thy veins, inspire thy prudent tongue This night th' Athenian hero to apprise Of all these tidings. Thus secure the Greeks Against surprisal; timely thus oblige The first of men, and magnify thy name In Greece for ages. Here the youthful king :

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Though by oppressive Xerxes forc'd to war, Shall I abuse the confidence repos'd By great Mardonius, qualify'd to win Regard at first, which intercourse augments? I will do all by honour's rules allow'd, Will act a neutral part, withdraw my troops,

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Ev'n at the hazard of my crown and life,

If such my queen's injunction. Ah! forbear 460

To frown; what means this stushing of thy cheek?

Must I betray Mardonius to his soes?

She spake abrupt; he started at her look: If fore'd obedience to a tyrant binds, If more, than I, Mardonius holds thy heart, Who has thy dearest confidence abus'd, Thou wilt discredit my accusing tongue. Could from this empty wonument the shade Of just Massisius rife, his awful voice Would verify a story, till this hour From thee conceal'd. My virgin hand in blood Of one Barbarian miscreant once I stain'd; Not to pollute my hymeneal state, Nor lay Mardonius gasping at my feet Like Mithridates in the streets of Thebes, This hateful camp for Delphi I forfook, Fled from a lawless and presumptuous flame, Infulting me, thy queen, who boaft descent From holy Timon. While for his behoof Collecting Greeks against their country's cause, 180 Thyself was absent, and Mardonius left My only guardian; fcorning every tie, His daring importunity of love Affail'd thy confort's ear. What hope, what trust In such Barbarians? All their faith expir'd 485 With With good Massistius. Should the Greeks be soil'd,
How long will Macedon thy realm, how long
Will Amarantha be securely held
Against a satrap, whose ungovern'd will
May covet both? Of this, O prince, be sure,
Her part of shame will Amarantha bear
But brief shall be its date. The poniard still,
Which once preserv'd my honour, I possess
To cut my period of dishonour short.

The prince impatient, yet attentive, heard 495. Her words; when thus the measure of his wrath From his full bosom rapidly o'erflow'd.

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O impious breach of hospitable ties!
O violation base of rights and laws,
Exacting swift revenge from heav'n and man,
From me the first! Unparallel'd in form,
O like the sister of the Delphian god
Immaculate! Did sacrilegious hands
This pure abode of chastity assail
With profanation? Less a friend to Greece,
Than soe to salse Mardonius, now I go.

He said, and order'd forth his swiftest steed. By moon-light, twinkling on a shaded track, He urg'd his secret way behind the springs

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Asopian; whence an outlet short and close	510
Through mount Cithæron to th' adjacent line	de dis
Of Ariftides led. Meantime the found	
Of steps advancing Amarantha heard;	ing it
She heard, and faw Mardonius. He his pace	
Stopp'd fhort, inclining with obeifance low	515
His stately frame. Through terror and amaze	
To earth she rigid grew, of pow'r to fly	isk
Depriv'd. He diftant spake : Imperial dame,	
That he offended once, Mardonius makes	
A penitent confession. O! that fault	520
To no innate discourtely impute,	
But Eastern manners, not as Grecian pure;	
The ignorance which err'd, by thee is chang'd	
To veneration. From my presence here,	A)
Which ne'er before intruded on this feat	525
Of thy retirement, do not too fevere	A Section
A new offence interpret; rest assur'd,	
A folemn cause impels. " He filent waits,	
Nor moves; till, gliding filently away,	
Like Dian fair and chafte, but less fevere,	530
The queen withdrew, and tow'rds a gallant chief,	ef,
Perhaps by her devices near his fall,	
Thus far relented; for the private wrong	
The frank atonement rais'd a generous figh;	91.
Against the public enemy of Greece,	535
Unquenchable she burn'd. Now lest alone,	
Before the cenoraph he kneel'd and spake:	,
To-mor	rrow

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To-morrow, O! to-morrow let my helm Blaze in thy beams auspicious, spirit bright, Whose name adorns this honorary tomb! 540 The weight of Asia's mighty weal, the weight Of fifty myriads on thy friend augments From hour to hour. Yet purg'd of gloomy thoughts, Clear of ambition, fave to win the palm Of victory for Xerxes, I approach Thy suppliant. Thou an intercessor pure For me, deceiv'd by Grecian feers and gods. Before the throne of Horomazes fland. That he may blefs my standards, if alone To guard fo many worshippers, and spread 350 By their fuccess his celebrated name Through each Hesperian clime. Now grant a fign, Massitius, ere thy faithful friend depart. Fix'd, as he is, to vapquish, or to fall.

He ceas'd. Quick rapture dims his cheated eyes.

He fees in thought a canopy of light,

Descending o'er the tomb. In joy he speeds

To preparation for the destin'd march.

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AMONG the Greeks their first nocturnal watch Was near its period. From Laconia's wing Return'd, th' Athenian leader thus bespake Sicinus: Worthy of my trust, give ear. Within six hours the army will decamp To chuse a friendlier station; so the chiefs In gen'ral council, as Gargaphia choak'd Withholds her wonted succour, have resolv'd. At Juno's sane, yet undespoil'd, though near

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Platæa's ruins, ev'ry band is charg'd To reaffemble. . . . Suddenly appears A centinel, who speaks: A stranger, near The trenches waits thee; us in peaceful words Saluting, he importunate requires Thy inftant presence. Ariftides haftes ; To whom the stranger: Bulwark of this camp, Hear, credit, weigh, the tidings which I bear. Mardonius, press'd by fear of threat'ning want, At night's fourth watch the fatal stream will pass, Inflexibly determin'd, though forbid By each diviner, to affail your hoft With all his numbers. I against furprise Am come to warn you; thee alone I truft, My name revealing. I, O man divine! I, who thus hazard both my realm, and life, Am Alexander, Macedonian friend-Of Athens. Kindly on a future day Remember me. He faid, and spurr'd his steed. Back through the op'ning of Cithæron's hill.

By Aristides instantly detach'd, Sicinus calls each leader to attend Pausanias. Attica's great captain joins The council full. His tidiugs he relates, Concluding thus with exhortation fage :

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We destitute of water had resolv'd To change our station. Now without a pause We must anticipate th' appointed hour For this retreat, nor ling'ring tempt the force Of fquadrons swift to intercept our march. All move your standards. Let Mardonius bring A hoft discourag'd by their augur's voice; Who are forbid to pass the fatal stream, But are compell'd by famine and despair To inauspicious battle. We to heav'n Obedient, heav'n's affiftance shall obtain. A fituation, fafeguard to our flanks Against Superior and Surrounding horse, In fight of burnt Platza, of her fanes Defac'd, and violated gods, I know; There will affure you conqueft. All affent.

At once the diffrent Grecians, who compose
The center, lift their ensigns. O'er the plain
First swiftly tow'rds Platzan Juno's dome
Speeds Adimantus. In array more slow
The rest advance. Cleander guards the rear;
Of half the laurals to his temples due.
Brave youth, whom chance malicious will bereave

Th' Athenians arm delib'rate; in whose train Illustrious Medon ranks a faithful troop, His hundred Locrians. Haliartus there,

бо There There Timon's few, but gen'rous Delphians stand,
By Aristides all enjoin'd to watch
Laconia's host. That sternly-tutor'd race,
To passion cold, he knew in action slow,
In consultation torpid. Anxious long
He waits, and sears the eyelids of the morn,
Too soon unclosing, may too much reveal.

Sicinus, hast'ning to Laconia's camp, Finds all confus'd, fubordination loft In altercation, wond'rous in that breed Of discipline and manners, nor less strange, Than if the laws of nature in the fky Dissolv'd, should turn the moon and planets loose From their accustom'd orbits, to obey The fun no longer. When his first command 75 Paulanias issu'd for the march, nor thought Of diobedience to difturb his pride; One leader, Amompharetus, whose band Of Pitane rever'd him, as the first Among the brave, refufal stern oppos'd, Protesting firm, he never would retreat Before Barbarians. Æmnestus swift. Callicrates and others, long approv'd In arms, entreat the Spartan to fubmit, Nor disconcert the falutary plan Of gen'ral council, Sullen he replies:

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Not of that council, I will ne'er difgrace The Spartan name. But all the Greeks withdrawn Expect our junction at Saturnia's dome, and drive highie Callicrates and Aemnestus pleader to a string to a foregood Would'ft thou expose thy countrymen to face small said Unaided yonder multitude of Medes brishes illed doie W Untry'd by us in combat? Yes, rejoins hand a sol at 10 The pertinacious man, ere yield to flight, and the treat shimid of the convertes out A 182

His troop applauded. Now contention harsh Refounded high, exhaulting precious hours. Silver The Spartan march retarding ; when arriv'd spanish Sicinus witness to the wild debate, a var and a state of the At length Paulanias knit his haughty brow At Amompharetus, and spake: Weak man, 100 Thou art infane. The chastifement thy due, to all the Our time allows not. Inflant march; or flay wor dill Behind and perith. In his two-fold grafp The reftive Spartan lifting from the ground A pond'rous stone, before the gen'ral's feet Plac'd it, and thus : Against dishonest flight From strangers vile, I rest my suffrage there, Nor will forfake it. To Sicinus turn'd Pausanias: Tell th' Athenians what thou see'ft. I by Cithæron's fide to Juno's fane Am hast'ning; charge their phalanx to proceed. A Vote Test interest the set that the tare

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Sicinus back to Ariffides flies.

His ready phalant from the lines he draws,

Wing'd with his horse and bowmen; yet his course

Suspends at Sparta's camps. There fullen, fix'd

Like some old oak's deep-rooted, knotted trunk,

Which hath endur'd the tempest-breathing months

Of thrice a hundred winters, yet remains

Unshaken, there amidst his filent troop

Sat Amompharetus. To him the sage:

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Unwife, though brave, transgressing all the laws Of discipline, though Spartan born and train'd and and Arife, o'ertake thy gen'ral and rejoin, and antiwards ? Thy country's mercy by fome rare exploit and degreed Win to forgive thy capital default, a merudique of 28 Excess of courage in Where Pansanias, arm'd mayor ? With pow'r unlimited in war, where all woll a said and The Spartan captains in perfuation fail'ding bas banda I Requir'd not less than Jove himself or Jove In Ariftides to prevail. Uprofe wheel smort bru 30 The warrior, late inflexible; yet flow di has in him ! In strictest regularity of march for I galiv regularly mo. I Led his well-order'd files. Correcting thus to law to The erring Spartan, Aristides Swept to Holl : and don't Acrofs the plain to fill the gen'ral hoft in a radial 135 many address in the paint and a co

Not yet the twilight, harbinger of morn, Had overcome the stars. The Persian scouts,

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Who rang'd abroad, observing that no found
Was heard, no watch-word through the Grecian
lines,

Adventur'd nigh, and found an empty space.

Swift they appris'd Mardonius, who had form'd
His whole array. Encircled by his chiefs
Greek and Barbarian, first he gave command
That ev'ry hand provide a blazing torch
To magnify his terrors, and with light
Facilitate pursuit; then gladsome thus
Address'd his friends of Thessaly and Thebes:

Now Larissian Thorax, and the rest Of Aleuadian race: now Theban lords, Judge of the Spartans justly. Vaunted high For unexampled prowefs, them you faw is a district the First change their place, imposing on the sons To face my chosen Persians; next they gave To my defiance no reply, and last Are fled before me. Can your augurs flew A better omen, than a foe difmay'd? But, kind allies, to you my friendly care Shall now be prov'd. These thunderbohs of war. As you esteem them, will Mardonius chuse 160 For his opponents. Level your attack Entire against th' Athenians. None I dread Yet by the fun less terrible to me

Is that Paufanias, head of Sparta's race, Than Aristides. Him Massistius lov'd: If you o'erthrow, preserve him; in the name Of your own gods I charge you. Mithra, shine On me no longer, if in grateful warmth Confessing ev'ry benefit receiv'd, I do not clasp that guardian of my friend ! Now, Persians, mount your bold Nisæan steeds, Alert your targets grafp, your lances poife; The word is Cyrus. Royal spirit! look On me, deriv'd from thy illustrious blood, Yet not in me illustrious, if this day My hand, or courage faint. Look down on thefe, Sons of thy matchless veterans. The fire, Which at thy breath o'erfpread the vanquish'd East, Light in their offspring; that the loud report Of their achievements on Afopian banks, Far as the floods of Ganges may proclaim The western world a vasfal to thy throne.

He said, and spurr'd his courser. Through the

He dashes, follow'd by th' impetuous speed
Of tall equestrian bands in armour scal'd
With gold, on trappings of embroider'd gloss
Superbly seated. Persians next and Medes
Advance, an infantry select, whose mail
Bright-gilt, or silver'd o'er, augments the light

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Th' auxiliar Greeks compact and filent march
In strength five myriads. In arrangement just
The foot by Leontiades, the wings
Of horse by Thorax and Emathia's king
Were led. Now, long before th' unwieldy mass
Of his disorder'd multitude advanc'd,
Mardonius, rushing through the vacant lines

Of Lacedamon, tow'rds Citharon bent His fwift career. Faint rays began to ftreak. The third clear morning of that fruitful month, The last in summer's train. Immortal day! 220 Which all the Muses confecrate to fame.

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O thou ! exalted o'er the laurell'd train, High as the fweet Calliope is thron'd Above her fifters on the tuneful mount, O father, hear! Great Homer, let one ray 225 From thy celestial light an humble fon Of thine illuminate; left freedom mourn Her chosen race dishonour'd in these strains. Thou too, my eldest brother, who enjoy'st The paradife thy genius hath portray'd, 230 Propitious smile. Lend vigour to a Muse. Who in her love of freedom equals thine, to salar A But to fultain her labours from thy store Must borrow language, fentiment and verse, wo will The Property of the Standard Property of the Committee of

Cithæron's ridge, from where Asopus rose, Stretch'd to Platza, with a fouthern fence Confining one broad level, which the floods From their Hesperian head in eastward flow Meandring parted. O'er the mountain's foot | Meandring His course Pausanias destin'd, where the foil 240 Abrupt and stony might the dread career Of Persia's cavalry impede. His ranks

Accompany'd

Accompany'd by Tegea's faithful breed,
Had meafur'd now ten furlongs of their march
Halfo'er the plain to reach the friendly ground;
Then halted near an Eleufinian dome to appoint 246
Of Ceres ; thence they mov'd, but timely fail to be all
Were join'd by Amompharetus. At length wolling ad 1
The chosen track was gain'd. Paufanias cast and A
His eyes below first northward, and furvey'd
Between the river and his empty camp
A blaze involving all the plain. The yell vir and all
Of mouths Barbarian, of unnumber'd feet and charles A.
Th' impetuous tread, which crush'd the groaning turf,
The neigh of horfes, and their echoing hoofs, 255
Th' infulting clash of shields and fabres, shook
The theatre of mountains , hollow-voic'd, and the
Their cavities rebellow'd, and enlarg'd dan a dan would
The hideous found. His eyes the orient dawn is diaget
Attracted next. Saturnia's roof he view'd, w / 2 6
But distant still, around whose facred walls A de delaU
The first-departed Grecians stood in arms was melong A
Beneath wide-floating banners, wish'd more night the
There was the Genius of Platma feen and instant IIA
By fancy's ken, a hov'ring mourner feen. selected 1265
O'er his renown'd, but desolated feat, and haste wal "
One mass of ruins mountainous. He mark'd be selful
Th' Athenians traverfing the meads below? someof salT
In full battalia. Resolute, sedate,
Without one shield in disarray, they mov'd - 270
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To join the gen'ral hoft. Beyond the stream In prospect role the battlements of Thebes; Whose fons perfidious, but in battle firm, With phalanges of other hoftile Greeks Spread on the bank, and menace to furmount The shallow current for some dire attempt. To Aëmnestus, marching by his side, Paufanias turns; the army he command To halt; while, mast'ring all unmanly fear, His haughty phlegm ferenely thus fulfils A leader's function: Spartan, we in vain Precipitate our junction with allies At Juno's distant fane; the hour is past; The Pitanean mutineer theca use. Seeft thou you Persian squadrons? They precede The whole Barbarian multitude 286 The storm Is gath'ring nigh; we sep'rate must abide The heavy weight of this unequal shock, Unless th' Athenians, still in fight, impart A present aid. A herald swift he sends 290 To Aristides, with this weighty charge : " All Greece is now in danger, and the blood " Of Hercules in me. Athenian help " Is wanted here, their missile-weapon'd force." Last he address'd Tisamenus: Provide 295 The facrifice for battle-Warriors, form.

Slain

Slain is the victim; but th' inspecting seer
Reveals no sign propitious. Now full nigh
The foremost Persian horse discharge around
Their javelins, darts, and arrows. Sparta's chief
In calm respect of inauspicious heav'n
Directs each soldier at his foot to rest
The passive shield, submissive to endure
Th' assault, and watch a signal from the gods.
A second time unsavorable prove
The victim's entrails. Unremitted show'rs
Of pointed arms distribute wounds and death.

Oh! discipline of Sparta! Patient stands The wounded foldier, fees a comrade fall, Yet waits permission from his chief to shield 310 His own, or brother's head. Among the reft Callicrates is pierc'd; a mortal stroke His throat receives. Him celebrate. O muse! Him in historic rolls deliver'd down To admiration of remotest elimes Through latest ages. These expiring words Beyond Olympian chaplets him exalt, Beyond his palms in battle: Not to die For Greece, but dying, ere my fword is drawn, Without one action worthy of my name, 320 I grieve. He faid, and fainting on the breaft Of Aëmnestus, breath'd in spouting blood degreetette M. 3.00 geigen sichwith



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His last, departing thy attendant meet, it add chald Leonidas, in regions of the bless digger and on shave R

A fecond victim bleeds; the gath'ring foes 325
To multitude are grown; the show'rs of death
Increase; then melted into slowing grief
Pausanian pride. He, tow'rds the fane remote
Of Juno lifting his afflicted eyes,
Thus suppliant spake: O Goddess! let my hopes A
Be not deseated, whether to obtain
A victory so glorious, or expire
Without dishonour to Herculean blood.

Amidst the pray'r Tegean Chileus, free
From stern controul of Lacedæmon's laws,
No longer waits inactive? but his band
Leads forth, and firmly checks th' insulting soe.
The sacrifice is prosp'rous, and the word
For gen'ral onset by Pausanias giv'n.
Then, as a lion, from his native range
Consin'd a captive long, if once his chain
He breaks, with mane erect and eyes of fire
Asserts his freedom, rushing in his strength
Resistless forth; so Sparta's phalanx turns
A face tremendous on recoiling swarms
Of squadron'd Persians, who to Ceres' fane
Are driv'n But there Mardonius, like the god
Of thunders ranging o'er th' ethereal vault

Thick

Thick clouds on clouds impregnated with florms, and I
His chosen troops embattles. Bows and darts 350
Rejecting, gallantly to combat close
They urge undaunted efforts, and to death a soul
Their ground maintain, in courage, or in might not it
Not to the Greeks inferior, but in arms, and of the
In discipline and conduct. Parties small, 355
Or fingle warriors, here with vigour wield in a soll in
The battle-ax and fabre; others rush of the protected
Among the fpears, to wrench away, or break
By strength of hands, the weapons of their foes.

But hercest was the contest, where sublime 360. The son of Gobryas from a snow-white steed. Shot terror. There selected warriors charg'd, A thousand vet'rans, by their fathers train'd, Who shar'd renown with Cyrus. On the right, Close to his gen'ral's side, Briareus grasp'd 365. A studded mace, Pangæus on the lest, Nam'd from a Thracian hill. The bristly front Of Sparta's phalanx, with intrepid looks. Mardonius sac'd, and thunder'd out these words:

Come, twice-defy'd Paulanias, if thou hear'st; Thy Spartan prowess on Mardonius try.

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Pausanias heard; but shunn'd retorting words, In saturnine disdain laconic thus His men addressing: Yours the soldier's part,

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The gen'ral's mine; advance not, but receive 375
These loose Barbarians on your steady points.

Not one of Persa's breed, though early train'd, So strong a javelin as Mardonius Janc'd, in handers and Or in its aim fo true. Three brothers grac'd The foremost line of Sparta, natives all 380 Of fweet Amycla, all in age and arms Mature, their splendid lineage from the flock Of Tyndarus deriving. Them on earth Three javelins, whirl'd fuccessive, laid supine, An effort of Mardonius. Three in rank Behind partake the same refiftless doom, Three bold companions in the hardy chace Of boars on green Taygetus. Supply'd With weapons new, the phalanx still to gore He perseveres unweary'd, not unlike Some irritated porcupine, of fize Portentous, darting his envenom'd quills Through each affailan. In Laconia's front So many warriors and their weapons fall'n, Leave in her triple tire of pointed fteel 395 A void for fwift impression of her foes. In rush Briareus and Pangaus huge, Whose maces send fresh numbers to the shades. The opining widens. On his vaulting steed Mardonius follows, like enfanguin'd Mars 400 By his auxiliars grim, difmay and rage, Preceded. Rivalling the lightning's beams, The

The hero's fabre bright and rapid wheels Aloft in air. A comet thus inflames The cheek of night; pale mortals view in dread Th' unwonted lustre, transient tho' it be. 406 Among the lights of heav'n. Paulanias rous'd, Advancing, at Briareus points his lance. Meantime fix Spartans of the younger class Affail Mardonius. One his bridle grasp'd; The Persian sabre at the shoulder close Lopp'd off th' audacious arm. Another floop'd To seize the chieftain's foot, and drag him down; Pois'd on his stirrup, he in funder fmote The Spartan's waift. Another yet approach'd. Who at a blow was cloven to the chin. Two more the gen'rous horse, uprearing, dash'd Maim'd and disabled to the ground; the last His teeth disfigur'd, and his weight oppress'd. As some tall-masted ship, on ev'ry side 420 Affail'd by pinnaces and skiffs whose strength Is number, drives her well-directed prow Through all their feeble clusters; while her chief Elate contemplates from her lofty deck The hostile keels upturn'd, and floating dead, 425 Where'er the steers victorious: fo the steed Nifæan tramples on Laconian flain, Triumphant fo Mardonius from his feat Looks down. But fate amidft his triumph shews Briareus yielding to a forceful blow 430 Of stern Paulanias, and Pangæus pierc'd By

By Amompharetus. Their giant bulks, Thrown proftrate, crash three long-protended rows Of Spartan spears. Wide-branching thus huge Oaks, Told it will enterfallent that it her Jakso By age decay'd, or twifted from the roots 445. By rending whirlwinds, in their pond'rous fall Lay desolate the under shrubs, and trees Of young, unstable growth. More awful still, Another object strikes the fatrap's eye ; real action to The With nodding plumes, and formidable ftride, 440 Lo! Aëmnestus, Asia's gen'ral feels Emotions now, which trouble, not degrade His gen'rous spirit. Not, as Priam's fon On fight of dire Achilles, thoughts of flight Possess Mardonius, but to wait the foe, 445 And if to die, with honour die, if live Enjoy a life of fame. His giant guard Around him close; one levels at the casque Of Aëmnestus; but the weighty mace Slides o'er the Spartan's flanting shield, and spends Its rage in dust. The stooping giant leaves 451 His flank unguarded, and admits a stroke, Which penetrates the entrails. Down he finks, Another tow'r of Afia's battle ftrewn In hideous ruin. Soon a fecond bleeds, 455 A third, a fourth. The fifth in posture stands To crush the victor with a blow well-aim'd Him Menalippus at the brawny pir Of his uplifted arm transpiercing deep D'fables.

Disables. Aëmnestus struggles long accident da 460
To grapple with his victim, and invokes a victoria of
Leonidas aloud for The active fonce , with as inside of
Of Gobryas plants throughout the Spartan shield
A wood of javelins. His Nifean horfe, of Alan and
Careering, vaulting, with his fangs and hoofs 465
Protects his lord. The guards, who still furviv'd,
With faithful zeal their whole united ffrength
Exert unwearied for a libral chief. then and and and and and and and and and an
Some paces backward Aemnestus forc'd,
Impels his heel against a loos ning stone, 470
Broad, craggy, fcarce inferior to the weight
Discharg'd by Hector on the massy bars
Of Agamemnon's camp. The Spantan quick,
From his left arm removes the heavy shield,
With javelins thick transfix'd. From earth he lifts
The casual weapon, and with caution marks 476
The fatal time and distance. O'er the heads
Of thy furrounding guard the fragment hurl'd
Descends, Mardonius, on thy manly chest,
And lays thee o'er thy courfer's back supine 480
Without fenfation. O, illustrious man,
Whose dazzling virtues through thy frailties beam'd!
Magnanimous, heroic, gen'rous, pure
In friendship, warm in gratitude! This doom
At once diffolves all interval of pain 485
To mind, or body. Not a moment more
Hast thou, ingenuous satrap, to repine,
Or grieve. Go, hero, thy Malistius greet,

Where no ambition agitates the breaft,
No gloomy veil of superfittion blinds,
No friend can die, no battle can be lost !

This fall, to Greece decisive as to heav'n
Enceladus o'erthrown, when, thunder-pierc'd,
He under Ætna's torrid mass was chain'd,
Discomsits Asia's hopes. In fresh array
Meantime the phalanx, by Pausanias form'd,
Proceeds entire. Facility of skill
Directs their weapons, pace by pace they move
True to the cadence of accustom'd notes
From gentle situes, which trill the Doric lays
Of Aleman and Terpander. Slow they gain
The ground, which Persia quits, till Chileus bold
With his Tegzans gores the hostile slanks;
Consusion then, and gen'ral rout prevail.

The fugitives proclaim Mardonius slain;

The whole Barbarian multitude disperse

In blind dismay; cool Mindarus in vain

Attempts to check their slight; all seek the camp:

And now the Spartan slutes, combin'd with shouts

Of loud Tegwans stimulate his speed

Across the ford. Mis trenches he regains,

There to Midias, Tiridates brave,

And chosen satraps, gath'ring at his call,

Thus spake: The flow'r of Asia in the dust

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Not overcome by forrow, or furprise	
At changes natural to man, the fport	
Of his own passions, and uncertain chance.	
Viciflitudes of fortune I have prov'd,	
One day been foil'd, a conqueror the next.	520
In arduous actions though experienc'd minds	
Have much to fear, not less of hope remains	41177
To animate the brave. Amid this form	10.46
The throne of Cyrus, your exalted fires,	
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The rank, you hold; occasion now presents	
For fuch a trial. To uphold my king,	
My country's name and piously revenge	
My kindred blood new-spilt, my sword, my arm,	
My life, I destine. Multitude is left,	530
Surpassing twenty myriads; ev'n despair	
Befriends us ; famine threat'ning, and the dread	
Of merciless resentment in our foes,	
May force these rally'd numbers to obtain	534
From their own fwords relief. Behald your camp,	
Strong-fenc'd and bulwark'd by Masstian care,	
A present refuge. See th' auxiliar Greeks	4.54
Entire, advancing on th' inferior bands	
Of Athens. Still may Xerxes o'er the West	134
Extend his empire, and regret no part	540
Of this difaster, but Mardonius Sain.	
Assume your posts, for stern defence provide,	

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O God of light and wisdom I thee the Muse
Once more address. Thou didst late behold
The Salaminian brine with Asian blood
Discolour'd. Climbing now the steep ascent
To thy meridian, for a stage of war
More horrible and vast, thy beaming eye
Prepare. Thou over wide Platæa's field,
Chang'd to a crimson lake, shalt drive thy car,
Nor see a pause to havoc, till the West
In his dark chambe'rs shuts thy radiant sace.

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Now had the herald, to Cecropia's chief to beig to Sent by Paufanias, in his name required Immediate aid. No doubt fulpends the hafte to local Of Ariftides; who arrays his ranks With cordial purpose to sustain that strength bold 15 Of Greece, Laconia's phalanx. Lol in fight New clouds of battle hov'ring, He differns Th' array of Leontiades, with wings Of Macedonic, and Theffalian horfe Then calls Sicinus : Friend, he faid, observe ; 20 Robust and bold, to perfidy murd, and and or some st Not less than arms, you Thebans cross our march. I trust the justice of our cause will foil Them, thrice our number ; but events like this Are not in man's disposal. If I fall, Not rashly, good Sicinus, reft affurd, Themistocles furvives. The gate of Greece floring all He guards, Eubœa and Theffalia holds, have to be U Those granaries of plenty. Eaftern shores With all his force, perhaps victorious now, Xanthippus will relinquish, and maintain The fea auxiliar to thy prudent lord; Thus all be well, though Ariftides bleeds This to Themistocles report. But go, all I all all Fly to Cleander; him and all the Greeks 35 Rouse from the fane of Juno to the fhield, mist, M. W. Both Spartans and Athenians want their aid. Thy tribe, undaunted Cimon, place behindetest T Olympiodorus

Olympiodorus; if his active bands
Repel Theffalia's horse, avoid pursuit;
Wheel on the flank of Thebes. Here Delphi's priest:

edine el cresci ada de estillar (1) Behold Emathia's flandards front thy right; With Haliarrus, and Oileus' fon, Let me be station'd there. I trust, the spouse Of Amarantha, at her father's fight, 45 Will sheath a fword involuntary drawn, Nor ties of hospitality and blood Profane to ferve Barbarians, Laccept The gen'rous offer, fage and gallant feer, Spake Ariftides. In that wing thy friend, The learn'd and manly Æschylus presides. Bur, to thy god appealing, I enjoin Thy rev'rend head to cover in retreat Its unpolluted hairs, should fire of youth, Or yet more strong necessity, impel Thy fon to battle. Here th' enraptur'd prieft :

The inspiration of my god I seel ;
A glorious day to Athens I presage,
I see her laurels fresh. Apollo joins
His sister Pallas to preserve a race,
Which all the Muses love. His awful power
Will chain the monster parricide, and rouse
The Grecian worth in Alexander's heart.

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These animated accents fire the line.

Within the measure of an arrow's flight

Each army now rank'd opposite. A thought

Of piety and prudence from his place.

Mov'd Aristides. Single he advanc'd

Between the hosts; offensive arms he left

Behind him; ev'n his plumed helm resign'd

Gave to his placid looks their lib'ral flow.

Before him hung his ample shield alone,

Timothea's gift, whose sculptur'd face display'd

Truth, equity, and wisdom hand in hand,

As in his breast. Exalting high in tone

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His gracious voice, he thus adjur'd his foes:

Ye men deriv'd from Cadmus, who in Greece
Establish'd letters, sruitful mother since
Of arts and knowledge, to Barbarian spoil
This hour expos'd; ye fons of Locris, hear,
Thessalians, Phocians, Dorians, all compell'd
By savage force to arm against your friends,
Of language, rites and manners with your own
Congenial: Aristides, in the name
Of all the Grecian deities, invokes
Your own sensations to disarm your hands
Of impious weapons, which retard the help
We bear to those now struggling in desence
Of Grecian freedom, sepulchres and fanes.

He faid; was heard like Enoch, like the man go
Who walk'd with God, when eminently good wit midni W
Each army novella the violent, and falfeyon wirin dad
Of justice and religion, truth and peace and bas yield
He fpake exploded and from menac'd death A broad
To God withdrew. The fell Bootians rend in 199951
The fky with threat'ning clamour, and their spears in all
Shake in defiance , while the word to charge aid as swith
Perfidious Leontiades conveys, signme sid gund mid scotos
Retreating backward, Ariftides cloaths , ning a melomi I'
His face in terror So Melliah chang das , wings die
His countenance ferene, when full of wrath ad aid ni aA
Bent on Satanic enemies, who shooks soins and our all
Heav'n's peaceful champaign with rebellious arms,
He grafp'd ten thousand thunders, and infix'd rom of
Plagues in their fouls, while darts of piercing fire field and
Through their immertal substances, by final bas erros
Susceptible of pain, his glaring wheels, b'aboxe rood la T'
Shot forth pernicious, Ariftides leads and I asi Thad I
His phalanx on. Now Greeks to Greeks oppose
Their steely structures of tremendous war.
With equal fpears and shields their torrent fronts
They clash together; as the justling rocks, and and illa to
Symplegades Cyanean, at the mouth action and were
Of Thracia's foaming Bolphorus, were feign'd, worden 10
Infrangible opponents, to fuftain a sind and and a 113
A mutual shock which tempested the frith,
Dividing Europe from the Orient world.
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Meanwhile Phoebean Timon's glowing zeal, Replete with patriot and religious warmth. The parent. Thus in the wing which Æschylus had form'd. Befpake the encircling chieftains: O'er the space Between Afonus, and the main array cold at Mos O A Of Thebes, I fee the Macedonian horse But half advanc'd: Their tardy pace denotes Reluctance. Lo! I meditate an act To prove my zeal for universal Greece, 1 million and not Her violated altars, and the tombs mon salautimA 10 Robb'd their precious dust. My slender band, and and So long companions in adventures high it a meditining A With your choice Locrians, Haliartus, join 130 To Medon's banner. Æschylus, observe My progress; if my plety succeeds; a disguist quantal T Thou, as a foldier, take advantage full in said he to O My friend; his prefere analy obtain,

So saying, o'er the plain in solemn pace
His rev'rend form he moves, by snowy bands
Pontifical around his plumed helm
Distinguish'd. Thus from Salem's holy gate
Melchisedek, the priest of him Most High,
Went forth to meet, and benedictions pour
On Terah's son in Shaveh's royal vale.

The Macedonian squadrons at the fight Fall back in rev'rence; their dismounting prince So wills. The father and the son embrace.

Oh! Amarantha's husband! joyful fighs 145.

The parent. Oh! my Amarantha's fire! 145.

In equal joy the husband. Timon then:

Beford e the encircling chieffaint: O'er the space A Greek in blood, to Delphi's priest ally'd, The god of Delphi's bleffing now fecure ; The god of The Abandon these Barbarians to the fate, Ministration Which in the name of Phoebus I denounce For his insulted temple, and the rape a free vin store of Of Amarantha from Minerva's thrine. The batalow sol Yet to unsheath an unsuspected sword many well bledo! Against them, neither I, nor heav'n require, and are Lefs thy own honour, but repais the ftream, 355 Amid this blind uproar unnotic'd feek amend to beld of Thermopylæ again; and reach thy realm. O'er all that clime Themistocles prevails, in a ser, and I My friend; his present amity obtain, Cecropia's future love, nor hazard more Thy fame and welfare. Aristides knows My truth, replies the monarch; now to thee Obedience prompt a fecond proof shall yield. Afcend a fteed; to Amarantha's arms Of both, a father fl. all affift and blefs.

They speed away, in extasy the sire

To clasp his darling child in Dirce's grove.

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This pass'd in Medon's eye, who watchful stood With Haliartus, and a troop advanc'd, In care for Timon. When apparent now The Macedonian fquadrons quir the field Of Arife, the heavy-cuiras'd of his wing With ferry'd shields by Æschylus is led. In evolution wheeling on the flanks Of that strong mass'd battalia, which compos'd The hoftile center. First in phalanx stood Unwilling Locrians. Medon lifts his voice. And to each eye abash'd his awful shape. Like some reproving deity, presents; They hear, they fee Oileus in his fon, As ris'n a mourning witness of their shame From his fepulchral bed. The banners drop Before him; down their fpears and bucklers fall; They break, disperse, and fly with childrens' fear, When by authority's firm look furpris'd In some attempt forbidden, or unmeet. With fudden wheel Bootian files are next. They form a front, and dauntless wait the affault.

Still in the van robust and martial Thebes

Unbroken stems the agility and skill

Of her opponent Athens. Long unspent

The tide of well-conducted battle slows

Without decision strong. At length by sate

Is Leontiades impelled to meet

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Cecropia's chief, where Thebes began to feel His mighty preffure. Whether justice firung His nerves with force beyond a guilty hand, Or of his manly limbs the vigour match'd His fortitude of mind; his falchion clove Down to the neck that faithless-Greek, of Greece The most malignant foe. The treacherous deed, Which laid fair Thefpia, with Platzan tow'rs In dust, he thus aton'd. A bolt from heav'n Thus rives an oak, whose top divided hangs On either fide obliquely from the trunk. Murichides the Hellespontin bleeds. Too zealous friend of Asia, in whose cause This day he arm'd. By great Mardonius charg'd Late messenger of friendship, he in peace On Salaminian shores had touch'd the hand, Which now amid the tumult pierc'd his heart, Not willingly, if known. Then Lynceus fell, From Oedipean Polynices fprung, The last remains of that ill-fated house. Mironides and Clinias near the fide Of Aristides fought, his strong support. Yet undifinay'd and firm three hundred chiefs, Or fons of proudest families in Thebes, Dispute the victory till death. Meantime Olympiodorus from the left had gall'd Thessalia's squadrons, like a sleety storm Checking their speed. Athenian horse, though few, Mix'd

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Mix'd with their bowmen, well maintain'd their ground.

His own true-levell'd shaft transfix'd the throat 225 Of Larissean Thorax; who in dust Buries at length his Aleuadian pride.

Rememb'ring all his charge bold Cimon rears His mighty spear. Impetuous through a band Of yielding Phoeians he on Theban ranks 230 Falls like a rapid falcon, when his weight Precipitates to strike the helpless prey. Him flaughter follows; flaughter from the right On Æschylus attends, and mightier waits On Aristides. Justice in his breast 235 Awhile was blind to mercy undeferv'd, Ev'n unimplor'd, by persevering foes Invet'rate. Now on this empurpled flage Of vengeance due to perfidy and crimes, Twice their own number had the Athenians heap'd Of maffacred Bootians; but as heav'n, Not to destruction punishing, restrains Its anger just, and oft the harden'd spares, That time may fosten, or that fuffrings past, Not measur'd full, may turn the dread of more 245 To reformation; Aristides thus Relenting bade retreat be founded loud, Then, by th' obedient hoft furrounded, spake Serene: Enough of Grecian blood is spilt, Ye

We men of Athens; low in dust are laid	250
The heads of those who plann'd the fall of	Greece.
The populace obsufe, refembling you,	the contract
Enlighten'd people, as the fluggish beast	Partition 1913
A gen'rous courfer, let your pity fave	that is inhal
In gratitude to Jove, creating yours	255
Unlike Bocotia's breed-Now form again.	A Secretarion of the Control of the

Thus equity and mercy he combin'd,

Like that archangel, authoris'd by heav'n

Chief o'er celestial armies, when the fall'n

From purity and faith in Eden's bow'rs

Not to perdition nor despair he lest

Abandon'd. Aristides still proceeds:

New victories invite you; Sparta long
Hath wanted fuccour; Men of Athens, march.
Lo! Menalippus greets in rapid hafte
This more than hero. I am come, he faid,
To bring thee tidings of Mardonius flain
In open fight. Paufapias fill demands
Thy inftant prefence. In purfuit he reach'd
The stream. "Not now that passage is forbid,"
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Tisamenus exclaim'd. The gen'ral pass'd
In vain to force the well-defended camp;
Repuls'd in ev'ry part he dubious stands
With disappointment fore; on Attic skill
To mount entreachments and a rampart storm

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Laconians and Tegrans both depend 276
To crown the day. Th' Athenian heard; and cool
In four divisions separates the host.
Four thousand warriors, light and heavy-arm'd,
Each part compose; whose ensigns o'er the flood 280
In order just are carry'd. He attains
Th' adjacent field, and joins l'ausanias there;
Whose rivall'd brow, and countenance of gloom
Present a lion's grimners, who, some fold,
Or stall attempting, thence by vollied stones 285
Of trooping shepherds, and of herdsmen, chas'd,
Hath sullenly retreated, though oppress'd
By samine dire. To Aristides spake
With haughtiness redoubled spara's chief:

Didft thou forget, Athenian, who commands
The Grecian armies? Thou hast loiter'd long
Since my two mandates. With majestic warmth
The righteous man: Pausanias, now receive
From Aristides language new, but just.
Thine is the pride of fatraps, not the light
Ingenuous vanity of Greeks, from sense
Of freedom, sense of cultivated minds,
Above the rest of mortals. No; a black,
Barbaric humour sesters at thy heart,
Portending usurpation. Know, proud man,
Thou hast been weigh'd, and long deficient found
By Aristides, thy superior far,
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Then most superior, when for public good
Compliant most. Thou foon, O! Spartan born,
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Yer in thy country's decency untaught, 305
Will like a Perfian cast a loathing eye
On freedom, on Lycurgus and his laws,
Which gall a mind despotic. I presage
Thee dangerous, Paufanias. Where the feeds
Of dark ambition I fuspect, my eye 310
Becomes a jealous centinel; beware,
Nor force my active vigilance to proof
Now or in future, when united Greece,
No more defensive, may retaliate war,
Successful war, which prompts aspiring thoughts.
Rest now a safe spectator. From defeat 316
Of real warriors, of our fellow Greeks,
Not Persians lightly arm'd in loofe array,
The loiterers of Athens shall with ease
Surmount that fence impregnable to thee. 320

To wait an answer he disdain'd, but march'd; While arrogance in secret gnash'd the teeth Of this dark-minded Spartan, doom'd to prove The boding words of Aristides true.

The fun no longer vertical, began

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His flant Hesperian progress. At the head

Of his own host Cecropia's chief began.

Enthusiastic slame, without whose aid

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The foldier, patriot, and the bard is faint,	
At this great crisis thus inspires the man	330
Of human race the most correct in mind:	de Try
Ye shades of all, who tyrants have expell'd,	
Ye, who repose at Marathon entomb'd,	W . 15 8 1 1
Ye glorious victims, who exalt the name	romad A
Of Salamis, and Manes of the brave	335
Leonidas, arise! Our banners fan	
With your Elysian breath! Thou god supreme	A CONTRACTOR
Jove eleutherian, fend thy child belov'd,	
With her Gorgonian ægis, to defend	indesit.
A people struggling not for spoil, or pow'r,	340
Not to extend dominion, but maintain	
The right of nature, thy peculiar gift	
To dignify mankind. 1 lift this prayer,	
My citizens, in rev'rence, not in doubt	atoo all
Of your fuccess. Ye vanquishers of Greeks,	345
Beneath your spears you servile herd will fall,	
As corn before the fickle. With a look	Her west.
Of circumfpection he remark'd a fwell	Listik
Of ground not fifty paces from the camp;	
Olympiodorus and his bowmen there	350
He posted first. Now, Æschylus, he said,	
Conftruct of folid shields a brazen roof;	AND TO
In contact close to yonder fence of wood	
Form like the tortoife in his maffy shell.	354
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The archers, each like Phoebus skill'd, remove With show'rs of death the thick defendants from Clear from the rampare, which is height furpass'd. Two cubits. Æschylus not slow performs His talk. A rank of fixty warriors plac'd Erect, with cov'ring bucklers o'er their heads, 360 A brazen platform to the wall unites. The next in order stoop behind; the last Kneel firm on earth. O'er implicated fhields A stable passage thus when Cimon sees, He mounts, and fearless eyes the Asian camp. 365 Between the rampart's basis and the foe An empty space observing, on the ground His spear he fixes, and amidst a storm Of clatt'ring javelins, arrows, darts and stones, Swings down. So, shooting from the fulph rous lap Of fome dark-vefted cloud, a globe of fire 371 Through winds and rain precipitates a blaze Terrific down the raven pall of night. His whole division follows; with his band Myronides, and Æschylus, releas'd 375 From his first care. Successively they range. The very fence, by Persian toil uprais'd, Now from the Persian multirade secures Th' Athenian near. No obstacle remains To Aristides, who complears his plan. Olympiodorus and his active train With axes keen, and cleaving spades approach; Hewn

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Hewn down, uptorn in that furmounted part,	
The fall'n defences, and the levell'd ground,	384
Soon leave an opining wide. His ftrong referve,	304
Eight thousand light, two thousand heavy-arm'd,	
With Haliartus, and Oileus' fon,	
Cecropia's chief leads forward to fultain	
His first bold warribrs. Chileus enters next	white.
With his Tegreans, Aemnestus brave,	390
Paulanias, Amompharetus, the youth	370
Of Menalippus, all the Spartan hoft.	
Seven Grecian myriads through the breach invade	Water To
A ground, with fwarms of tents and men oppress'd.	#13.
Dire thus the irruption of Germanic feas	395
Through strong Batavian mounds; th' instated brin	
Stupendous piles of long-relitting weight	
Bears down, and, baffling frength and art combined	P
Foams o'er a country in its fear profound	July 1
Below the furface of the endangering main;	400
A country, where frugality and toil	100
No spot leave waste, no meadow, but in herds	A. Oak
Redundant; where the num'rous dwellings fhew	المادات
Simplicity but plenty, now imitters'd	
With all their throng'd inhabitants beneath	400
Th' unsparing deluge. Aristides swift	
As if by gen'ral choice the chief fupreme,	
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A crescent's figure. Thus the fisher skill'd With his capacious seines, slow-dragg'd and press'd Close on each bank, a river's whole expanse With all his native glossy-finn'd involves.

Yet Mindarus, with Mede and Persian ranks,	415
A large remainder from the morning fight,	
Resists, which soon are saughter'd; he retreats	
Among the tents, whose multitude impedes	
The Grecians. Aristides straight commands,	
That from the heavy line's disjointed length	420
A hundred bands expatiate in the chace	T THE
Of foes benumb'd by fear, who neither fight,	
Nor fly, of means depriv'd. The carnage grows	
In every quarter. Fountains feem unclos'd,	Somethy.
Whence rivulers of blood o'erflow the ground.	4.25
O'er fatraps, potentates, and princes fall'n,	A 100 A 100 POT
Strode Aristides first of men, of heav'n	
The imitator in his civil deeds,	
Now fome faint femblance, far as mortal may	
Of that Almighty victor on the field	430
Ethereal, when o'er helms, and helmed heads	35 - AVS
Of proftrate feraphim, and powers o'erthrown,	
He rode. Still Mindarus, by courage wing'd,	
From nation flies to nation, still persists	
Exhorting; though in hopeless thought he fees	435.
Great Hyperanthes from the shades ascend,	
And feems to hear the godlike phantom figh	
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In mournful words like these: Ah! fruitless toil!	
As once was mine, to rescue from despair	Liela
The panic fears of Afia! Dead in mind,	440
Her host already foon dead clay must lie,	
Like me on Oeta's rock. Yet Midias brave,	
With Tiridates rous'd, their efforts join.	
Against them warlike Medon, and the feed	
Of Lygdamis, chance brings. They fide by fide,	
As heretofore Thermopylæ beheld	446
Young Dithyrambus and Diomedon,	
Hd all the day their unrefifted wedge	
Of Locrian shields and Delphian led to deeds	M.
Accumulated trophies. Midias falls	450
By Haliartus. From the flain his lance	
Recov'ring, tow'rds his patron dear he turns;	
Him conqu'ror too of Tiridates views	
In joy; joy foon to forrow chang'd! Fate guides	
A cafual weapon from a distant hand;	455
Such as at Ramoth from the Syrian bow,	III
Drawn at a venture, fmore between the joints	
Of harness strong the Israelitish king,	
Who from the fight bade wheel his chariot, stain'd	N. 945
With his own-crimfon. Ponderous and broad	460
The hostile lance inflicts a mortal wound	
In Medon's gen'rous bosom. Not a figh	
He breathes, in look still placed and sedate,	
While death's cold moisture stagnates on his limbs,	*
By all their pow'rs forfaken. Bear, he faid	465
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To Haliartus, bear me from the camp, Nor yet extract the weapon; life, I feel, Would follow fwift, and Medon hath a charge Yet to deliver. Some pathetic Mule. In tend'rest measures give these numbers flow! Let thine, who plaintive on the pontic verge In servitude Sarmatian, through her page Of for ows weeps thy banishment from Rome; Or thine, Euripides, whose moral strains Melt fympathy in tears at human woes, Thy vary'd tragic themes, or both unite Your inspiration to describe a heart, Where gratitude o'er all affections dear Predominantly fway'd; the faithful heart Of Haliartus at this fudden stroke Of direful chance. To death is Medon fnatch'd, From glory fnatch'd amid victorious friends. The Carian's bosom instant feels combin'd Achilles' anguish at Patroclus dead, The pang of Priam at the fall of Troy, Ev'n woman's grief, Andromache's dittress For her flain Hector, and his mother's pain To fee his mangled and dishonour'd corfe. Great Artemisia's name, th'illustrious blood' From Lygdamis deriv'd, his own exploits Of recent fame, are all eras'd from thought In Haliartus now; who finks again To Melibœus. On the wounded chief, As As on his lord, his parton, fill he looks With all th' affection of a menial, bred 495 In the same home, and cherish'd in that home With lib'ral kindness to his humbler state. He clasps the fainting hero, on the shields Of weeping friends deposits, and conveys Swift through a portal, from its hinges fore'd. 500

Three hours remain'd to Phoebus in his courfe. Close by the entrenchment, under beachen shade Of ancient growth, a fourtain bursts in rills Transparent; thither on the down of moss Was Medon borne and laid. Unloofe, he faid, 505 My helm, and fill from that refreshing fream. Obey'd, he drank a part; then pouring down The remnant, fpake: By this libation clear Be testified my thanks to all the gods, That I have liv'd to fee my country fav'd On this victorious day. My fate requires No famentation, Haliartus dear, Oh! more, than kindred, dear. Commend me first To Aristides; Medon's parting breath Him victor hails. To Delphi's virtuous prieft, To my Leonteus, to the glorious fon Of Neocles, my falutation bear, To kind Cleander, my Træzenian hoft, To Hyacinthus of Eubœa's race, The flower of all her chieftains: They have prov'd

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In me fome zeal their island to redeem. Transport my ashes to Melissa's care, Them near the reliques of Laconia's king Repose; be mine the neighbour of his urn, the deliver the charge that him he down on the third is

Here with an utmost effort of his voice, 525 With arms extended, and Elyfian look:

Leonidas, the life thy friendship fav'd, An offring to thy manes, now I close Mature in age, to glory not unknown, Above the wish, as destitute of hope To find a fairer time, or better eause, Than fends me now a messenger to greet Thee with glad tidings of this land preferv'd.

With his own hand the javelin from his breaft He draws ferene; life iffues through the wound.

New shouts, new trumpets, waken from a trance Of grief the fon of Lygdamis. He fees Cleander; who th' Asopian banks had pass'd, Call'd by Sicinus from Saturnia's doine. Lo! Epidaurian Clitophon, the ranks Of Phlius with Menander, Sicyon's chief Automedon, the Hermionean spears With Lycus follow, Cephallene's fons, The Acarnanian, all th' Epirot bands,

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The brave Platzans, with his Thespian files	
Of Chalcis, Potidæan Tydeus next,	
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By Adimantus and Alemaon rang'd.	
Too late you come for glory, them befpake	
The Carian fad; Lo! half the foes destroy'd	en i paritt
By Aristides, fugitives the rest;	555
Lo! there the only loss, which Greece fustains.	
To him Cleander, with devout regret	
O'er Medon, honour'd paranymph and guest,	
His head inclining: Not too late we come	
For facrifice of Perfians to the ghoft	560
Of this dead hero. Ah! what floods of tears	
Will fall in Træzen-But let grief prevail	18. 6. 11.
Hereafter. Son of Lygdamis, renounce	
Despondency; Acanthe still survives	
To fire thy breast as Ariphilia mine;	565
I hear her prompting my vindictive arm.	
From thy experience of this glorious day	
Lead thy Træzenian host, where best to point	
His strenuous efforts. Let thy guiding zeal	<b>4</b>
For me, long curling my inactive post,	570
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Yet find one track to fame. These gallant words Of cordial frankness from dejection life The Carian brave, not less than Phtebus cheer'd The languid fon of Priess on the Bank Of Xanthus; when a flostey that, of weight To flay a keel on Hellefsontine fands, By Ajax hurl'd, benunit'd the Trojan's frame.

Thus Haliartus: Through that open gate, New forc'd, the shortest, safest passage lies ; But, to acquire fome luftre, I can shew Another track for prowefs yet to fhine,

He leads, all follow, fave Corinthian bands With Adamantus, halfning through the gate, Soon as to him th' intelligence is brought; Who ent'ring, fees a carnage which confounds A timid spirit. By Alcineon urg'd, Close by the fence he marches; none he meets But fly before him. Adimantus lifts His spear, and fatiates cowardice with blood Of unrefilting men. By cheap fuccels Betray'd, a diftant quarter he attains, Where Mindarus confronts him. From his fleed Th' unyielding fatrap whirls a rapid lance, Which nails the bale Corinthian to the ground. Alcmaun next is wounded; more had bled, But Aristides o'er that part, devoid

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Of tents his dreadful crescent in array Is forming new. The Persian starts; he slies To one last angle of the spacious camp, Sole fpot unforc'd. Half circled now in front, 600 The Attic, Spartan, and Tegaan ranks, In motion flow, yet moving on, augment Progressively their terrors, like a range Of clouds, which thicken on the brow of night, A final wreck portending to a fleet, 604 . Already shatter'd by the morning storm. Round Mindarus the remnant of his hoft Collected still is numerous. Them he fees Oft look behind, a fight that ill accords With warriors; but, as now in columns deep 610 Its glitt'ring horns that direful crescent shews Within the limits of a javelin's caft, All turn intent on flight at large; they break Their own inclosure down, whose late desence Is present bane, and intercepts escape. "Lo! Haliartus; all whose grief is chang'd To fire, heroic flame. Three myriads fresh He pours; that crouded angle he invests, Preventing flight. Cleander looks around Like fome tornado menacing a bark, Which foon unfeam'd and parted finks ingulph'd; He finds a breach and with him enters death. The long-enduring fatrap, whose mild foul Calamity hath worn, refembles now

The poor desponding failor, who is left Last of the found'ring vessel on a plank Alone. No coast appears; the greedy fwell He fees around, expecting ev'ry wave Will terminate his being, and forgoes All hope of fuccour. His afflicted foul Thus with an effort equal to his rank The prince explores: What, Mindarus, remains For thee deferted ! In another's home Cleora dwells; Maniftius is no more: Slain is Mardonius, Afia's glory fall'n : Thou hast too long been fugitive this day; Like Teribazus close a term of woe: Like him in death be honour'd. He difmounts, He grafps a spear. Such dignity of shame To Ilian Hector, from his flight recall'd, 640 Great Homer's Muse imparted. While the prince Is meditating thus, a man fublime Tow'rs from th' Athenians, who fuspend their march; Unlike the fon of Peleus in his ire Implacable, he represents a god In aspect, god of mercy, not of arms.

Know, chieftain, he began, to me the Greeks
One Persian life have granted; it is thine,
In this day's trial I have noted well
Thy constancy and manhood; I, who prize
The gems of virtue, in whatever clime,

O Persian!

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O Persian ! whether in a friend or foe Their never-changing lustre they display; I, Aristides, my protecting arm Extend. Time preffes; yield thee, ere too late; Captivity no burden shalt thou find, agree 656 Till fafe, without a ranfom, thou regain Thy native feat. The Persian melts like snow In all its rigour at the noon-tide fun. This unforeseen; humane demeapour calms 660 His mind, and hushes ev'ry desp'rate thought. He thus replies: On all my actions past Hath fortune frown'd; perhaps a captive state With Ariftides, whom Masistius lov'd, Mardonius prais'd, and all mankind reveres, 665 Forbodes a change of fortune to my gain! Thy condescending wisdom, O supreme In justice, knowledge, and benignant deeds, May lift a man of forrows from despair !

He yelds. Th' Athenian leads thim through the prefs 670

Secure; himself a spectacle avoids,

Which others cover. Lo! on ev'ry side

Keen swords of massacre are wav'd. To maids

Deslow'r'd, dishonour'd wives, and gods prophan'd,

To Athens, Thespia, and Platza burnt, 675

The Greeks compleat their sacrifice. The sun,

Wont on those fields of glist'ning green to smile,

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And trace Asopus through his christal maze,

Now setting, glances over lakes of blood;

While sate with Persian carnage chases the stream

No longer smooth and limpid, but o'erswoln,

And soaming purple, with encreasing heaps

Of carcases and arms. Night drops her shade

On thirty-myriads slaughter'd. Thus thy death,

Leonidas of Sparta, was aveng'd,

Greece thus by Attic virtue was preserv'd.

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